***MINUTES***

Steck Elementary PTSA

General Meeting

***September 19, 2017 /8:15 am/ Steck Cafeteria***

***IN ATTENDANCE***

Derek Zunker – Fundraising/Meeting Facilitator

Laura Guggenheimer – Secretary

Chrissi Brescoll – Room Parent Coordinator

Becca Thomas – CSC Representative

Ronald Roulhac – Auction co-chair

Annie Self – Auction co-chair

Alicia Kintner – Teacher Appreciation Chair

Kelly Kocher – Communiations Director

Mirriah Elliot – Steck Assistant Principal

Aimee Daigle – Treasurer

Liz Kaplansky – Treasurer elect

Alecia Zunker – PTSA Membership Chair

Courtney Levkulich – Sponsorship Chair

Kate Zehnacker - Jog-a-Thon Chair

Anne Hunt – Book Fair Chair

Parents in Attendance:

Carol Young

Leigh Hull

Julie Bielenberg

Mathhew Monks

Jennifer Monks

Amy Usalavage

Elizabeth Wood

Bobbie Reinhardt

George Reinhardt

Mark Thorpe

Nichole Mize-Thorpe

Liz Peintner

Hai Li

Kimberley Neilio

Marie Lave

Maribel Barragan

Adriane Kabrud

Jenny Shaver

Emily Purdy

Anna Palmer

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

The minutes were not read from the June 2, 2017 meeting and thus not approved.

***CALL TO ORDER***

Derek Zunker called the meeting to order at 8:20 am (MST) and Laura Guggenheimer recorded the minutes.

***BUSINESS***

***MISC***

* Derek Zunker welcomed the general membership for the first meeting of the 2017-2018 school year.
* Alise Kermisch has resigned as the PTSA President for the 2017-2018 school year and the board is looking for a candidate to fill this position.
* The Vice President position is also unoccupied and Annie Self has stepped up to be nominated for this position.
* The Treasurer, Aimee Daigle is stepping down and Elizabeth Kaplansky has stepped up to be nominated for this position.
* Any other volunteers seeking these positions should reach out to Kelly Kocher, the Communications Director to be considered.
* Voting to occur at the October General PTSA meeting.
* Robin Kline introduced Annie Palmer, the PTSA President from Hill Middle School as a guest. Annie offered that the role of President typically entails 5-6 hours of work weekly.
* Each board member stood up and introduced themselves to the general membership.
* Becca Thomas, the CSC chair introduced herself and encouraged general members to attend the monthly CSC meetings held the second Wednesday of each month in the teacher's lounge.

***Board Reports***

***Treasurer*** – Aimee Daigle

* No report

***Membership Chair*** – Alecia Zunker

* PTSA has signed 50 new families this far this year.

***Communications Director*** – Kelly Kocher

* Reminded general membership that she is the one to contact if something needs to reach all families at Steck via the email broadcast and the website.

***Room Parent Coordinator*** – Chrissi Brescoll

* Starting this week she will be meeting with the Room Parents to coordinate expectations for the year.

***Fundraising*** – Derek Zunker

* Explained to the membership the Dine Arounds used for fundraising. Upcoming Dine Arounds:

October 2 – Del Frisco's

October 3 - California Pizza Kitchen

* Chrissi Brescoll reminded the membership of Amazon Smile is an easy way to get money to Steck.
* Derek Zunker closed by asking the membership to ask their places of employment if they do matching donations.

***Teacher Appreciation Chair*** – Alicia Kintner

* She would like a volunteer to take over the teacher birthday card with gift card duties.
* She will hold a meeting this week in the playground after drop off on Thursday to discuss the help she needs this year.

***Auction Chairs*** – Annie Self and Ronald Roulhac

* The new auction chairs introduced themselves and infomed membership that they will hold a meeting Thursday to start the planning of the auction including choosing a theme.
* The date is April 28 at the Halcyon Hotel in Cherry Creek.

***Jog-a-Thon –*** Kate Zehnacker

* Explains event scheduled September 29.
* This year the per lap donation is replaced with a flat rate donation.
* CheddarUp is open for donations and this event has raised $20k in the past.
* The goal per child to reach the fundraising goal is $60.

***Book Fair Chair*** – Anne Hunt

* She is running the book fair this year with Megan Molen.
* The book fair this year will give a box to each teacher to fill with desired books, parent patrons will grab the books from the boxes, this should be an easier way to fulfill teacher wish lists.
* The dates for the book fair are:

09/28 : Drop off

09/29 : Teacher Preview

10/3 - 10/5 : Book fair open at 07:45am to 8:20am and open after school.

10/5 : Family Reading Night, book fair will be open 5:30 – 7:30pm

***Family Reading Night*** – Sara Bellamy

* Chrissi Brescoll gave her report as needing 5 volunteers to run this event.
* This event is scheduled for October 5.

***Principal Report –*** Robin Kline

* Steck is in the process of realigning resources as a few staff members (para-professionals and limited teacher) will be leaving the kindergarten classes.
* Math interventionist will be introduced as a pilot program in the 4th and 5th grades.
* New curriculum has been introduced called, Empowering Education that introduces one lesson per week to the school.
* Move professional development coming with the Responsive Classroom curriculum which requires the PTSA to support.
* $70k in bond money is coming from district to help with the 21st century classroom renovations and perhaps some of the auditorium upgrades needed for better audio.
* Dream Big Day Camp over the summer will be upgrading the window treatments in all classrooms helping with environmental comfort.
* Mirriah Elliot – Friday Folder require a Thurday afternoon drop off to make it into that week's Friday Folder.

***Budget Report*** – Liz Kaplansky and Jen Monks

* Liz Kaplansky presented the budget as a tentative budget and pointed out major changes from last year.
  + Para Education Grant - $33k added for math interventionist and $24k for full time para
  + Principal Grant – Lowered from $20k last year to $8900 for Empowering Education Curriculum, 21st Century classroom to be paid by $70k bond.
  + Increase for PTSA signage for greater PTSA involvement
  + Equity Fund is increased in an attempt to help families that are under financial stress to participate in Steck activities such as the auction, etc.
* There will be an effort to curb spending and remain focused on our ability to fund in-classroom support for teachers.
* Jen Monks informed membership that to meet our goals a dynamic and healthy fundraising community must be present at Steck.
* Liz Kaplansky introduced the new concept of a para fund that all funds only help fund paras in the classrooms.
* Derek Zunker made a motion to approve the budget for the 2017-2018 school with the provision that it will be altered if a new para professional is hired for kindergarten. Chrissi Brescoll seconded the motion and the motion passed with no dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10am