

Minutes

STECK PTSA

April 5th, 2023 | *Meeting called to order at 5:35pm by Amy O'Brien, PTSA President*

Attendance

See attendance log for list of attendees; total number in attendance at last meeting was 18 (see log).

Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were approved by Stephanie Walton and seconded by Lindsay Washington.

Board

President: Amy O'Brien amy.y.obrien1@gmail.com

Co-Secretaries: Stephanie Walton steph.cave@gmail.com and Lindsay Washington veronicaleo@gmail.com

Treasurer: Crista Kuhn crista.kuhn@gmail.com

Budget

- **Budget Summary from Crista Kuhn**

- We have \$119,761.65 in the account.
- Upcoming Expenses: The dance (\$1000 budget) and 5th grade graduation (\$1000 budget)
- We had the dine out last night TBD on amount
- Special Persons Day: \$80 in donations

Principal's Report

- **Ron Salazar Update:**

- Mr. Salazar was not present at the meeting this evening, Mr. Rios spoke on his behalf regarding Special Persons day feedback
 - We had great attendance and are looking forward to continuing this tradition in future years
 - Donated amount for 2023: \$80
 - Ideas for next year
 - Consider safety factors since there are so many additional people at the school
 - Think about how to ensure that each child who wants a Special Person can be connected with one
 - Rethink what food and beverages are offered (if any)
 - Consider grouping visitors by grade or floor of the building
 - Could have folks join during lunch rather than in the morning/possibly combine with a local business for a "dine-out picnic" of sorts
 - Create a mini committee to head this up next year
 - May work better to have this event earlier in the school year (September?)

Committee Reports

- **Fundraising:**

- **Upcoming/Past Event Updates:**

- Special Persons Day Success!!
- **Dance (Deven): Volunteers Needed!!**
 - **Friday April 21, 2023: 5-7pm**
 - Each class is helping to decorate something for the dance – theme is "Candyland"
 - Food trucks this year will be Sweet Moo ice cream truck; bar truck for adults
 - Looking for bakery connections to get some cakes donated, cakes must be from a store or home kitchen that is licensed
 - Should highlight in future ClassTag updates that adults will need to supervise their own children; family members are invited
 - Updates from last year – no food allowed in the gymnasium, adults will be

asked to supervise their children related to the decorations and games

- We need the most help with set up and tear down

- **Fun Run:**

- **Friday, May 5th, 2023**

- **Kick Off Pep Rally Assembly (date was originally 4/19 but new date is TBD)**

- This is Steck's only student-driven fundraiser of the year
 - Each student is asked to try and raise \$100 but we will not be tracking each child's donations; all done by grade level
 - We have two generous sponsors to provide t-shirts for all kids in the school
 - Fundraising will be through Cheddar Up
 - We could explore the possibility of parents making a donation to run a lap or two with their kids
 - An assembly takes place at school to explain the event to the students; will likely have two weeks for fundraising efforts
 - Darryl suggested that a PTSA member come to the spring concert and plug the QR donation code

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- **Grounds crew (Katie Barton)**

- Before/After Fun Run Clean Up
 - Grounds crew will now be communicating separately from PTSA
 - Every grade has an identified time to do some gardening; seedlings have been planted to prepare for a plant sale in the next month or so
 - Will be creating a fairy garden on Perennial Hill
 - Have an upcycle project planned and will be asking families for donations (e.g., old garden hoses)

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- **Community Kite Flying Day:**

- Update from Darryl H.
 - 2hr event seems like an appropriate length
 - Permit pulled, decided extra insurance is not needed.
 - Darryl shared the contact for Hill/Cranmer newsletter for upcoming community event announcements: info@denverhilltop.com
 - The day after the dance is Earth Day, so it would be great to combine some grounds clean-up efforts with some volunteer activities
 - We may be able to coordinate with some Hill students to volunteer some hours

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- **Communications (Katie Neff)**

- **Room Parents (Ramona Harris)**

- Katie Neff and Ramona are working together to get word out regarding Steckretariat Run!
 - Playlists per classroom, incentives, etc.
 - WAOW (We Are One Wednesday) for 1st grade will be painting dance décor 4/12. Room parents will be asked to gather 2-3 volunteers.

- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation (Stacie Loucks)**

- Teacher's lounge is in need of K-cups if anyone is willing to donate some
 - Teacher Appreciation week May 8-12th

Previously Done:

- **Monday: Flower Shower:** Kids were asked to bring flower(s) to teacher(s)
- **Tuesday:** Wear Red for National Teacher Appreciation Day, Olive and Finch pastries for teachers
- **Wednesday:** Either Santiago's for breakfast or Torchy's for lunch

- **Thursday:** Nektar Smoothies for breakfast
- **Friday:** Curtis Park Deli Sandwiches for lunch/ Bring something special for your teacher(s)
- The one thing really wanted is to have kids write notes/draw pictures for their teachers. So maybe we could tie into Friday's appreciation to have kids bring a note/token of appreciation or something special for their teachers.
 - Communication needs to be sent via ClassTag/room parents for this ask.
- Stacie needs a volunteer (or more) to reach out and help with the details, she loves to execute but needs someone who can help with the creative side of things

Additional Items

- **AUCTION 2023 planning time is approaching!! Let's hear your best theme ideas??!!**
 - Need to get a save the date notice out to the school before the end of school
 - Need to solidify a theme and location ASAP
 - Date is November 10th (tentative)
 - Final PTSA meeting for May: time/date TBD, will likely be an evening meeting

Announcements

Walk On Items/Follow Ups

- New Family Event for Summer
- Summer Meeting for Board to discuss calendar for 23/24' year and look back at 22/23'
- Would like to create a 1-page blurb regarding every event that we throw throughout the year. Perhaps a giving "heads up" at the start of every year as well.

Upcoming Events

4/21: Candyland Dance

4/22 (Earth Day): Community kite event proposed by Darryl H.

5/1-5/5 (2023): Teacher Appreciation Week

5/5/23: Fun Run

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting was voted to be adjourned by Amy O'Brien @ 6:12pm