

MINUTES

STECK PTSA

September 5th, 2023 | Meeting called to order at 7:45am by [Amy O'Brien](#), PTSA President

Attendance

See attendance log for list of attendees

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

Vice President: Ramona Harris ramonajamesbabies@gmail.com

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

Treasurer: Crista Kuhn crista.kuhn@gmail.com

Welcome to New Families!

- If anyone has not yet paid their \$10 PTSA dues, please do so at your earliest convenience (<https://member-dues-2023-2024.cheddarup.com>)
 - New members are asked to put an asterisk next to their name on the sign-up sheet at the first meeting they attend
 - Brief summary of PTSA meeting structure: meeting is called to order, vote to approve previous minutes, summaries and updates from committee members, walk-on items
 - We are looking to fill positions of Marketing Chair and Sponsorship Chair – talk to a PTSA board member if you are interested!
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Budget

- **Budget Summary (Crista Kuhn)**
 - We have \$31K in the account
 - Upcoming Expenses: Movie Night (Budget: \$2000)
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Principal's Report

- **Ron Salazar Update**
 - Curriculum Night: There will still be time for teachers to share with parents/caregivers
 - Steck will be providing childcare in the gymnasium and library this year
 - We have 11 fewer children at the start of this year, which corresponds to a 70K decrease in funding
 - There may be needed changes with staffing, but Mr. Salazar will provide updates as they become available
 - September 15th is the cutoff for enrollment count – it is particularly important that students are in attendance that day
 - Colorado Department of Education has placed Steck in the top 3 schools in the district, which is a jump from previous years' rankings
 - This reflects achievement and growth

- Mr. Salazar will be out of the building for some half days this year, Mr. Rios and other staff will be filling in as needed
- Volunteer meetings are occurring on a weekly basis (8:00am and 3:00pm on Mondays and Fridays. All volunteers (including room parents) are asked to attend one of these training so you can receive your Raptor screening and Steck ID badge.

Committee Reports

- **Fundraising (Molly Babineaux):**
 - Amy reviewed our fundraising goals and ways to contribute (Monthly AKA Steck Star Sustainer), Colorado Gives day, annual auction, Special Persons Day, Steck Fun Run (AKA “Steckretariat”), dine outs, purchasing Steck merchandise)
- **Communications (Katie Neff)**
 - No updates (Katie Neff was not in attendance)
- **Annual Auction (Katie Fogarty)**
 - Event is on 11/10 at Woods Boss Brewing Company – theme is Après Ski
 - Securing donations is a big priority – items can range in estimated value and type (experiences, gift certificates, classes, specialty products, etc.)
 - Early bird pricing (\$60/ticket) is available until October 27th
 - Katie has a list of organizations who have already donated so people can check with her if they are curious
 - PTSA is actively seeking volunteers to help with auction planning (there are lots of roles to choose from!)
 - Anyone interested in helping was invited to stay for five extra minutes after the meeting this morning
- **Room Parents (Ramona Harris)**
 - Brief summary of the role of room parents – we have received lots of interest this year
 - Room parents will also be helping to promote the auction in their respective classes
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation (Stacie Loucks)**
 - We would like to create a teacher/staff appreciation committee – if you are interested, please let a PTSA board member know
 - This committee helps to coordinate activities or events throughout the year with a special focus on Teacher Appreciation Week
 - PTSA will send out a separate correspondence about this committee

Additional Items

- Recess volunteers are always appreciated – sign-up link is on ClassTag ([Recess Volunteers](#))

Walk On Items/Follow Ups

- Mr. Rios will be drafting and submitting a formal proposal to allocate some funds to support cultural experiences throughout the year
- Garden club: First garden sale occurred on 9/1 and raised \$700; next sale will likely occur in the next couple of weeks
 - Garden is a collection of vegetables, plants, fairy garden and serves as an opportunity for students to create and maintain the beds
- We have had some parents requests for the monthly calendar on the Steck website to be updated with all district and school-specific events – Stephanie will coordinate with Ms. Mackie to determine who can manage this going forward

Upcoming Events

9/8: Assessment Day (students will attend in 2-hour blocks; additional information is in Mr. Salazar's 8/28-9/1 Weekly Wrap-Up email)

9/13: Curriculum Night (5-7pm)

9/21: Movie Night (movie choice TBD)

9/22: Professional Learning Day (no students)

11/10: Annual Auction (Après Ski theme) at Woods Boss Brewing Company

Next Meeting: 10/4; 5:30-6:30 at Anthony's Pizza and Pasta (700 Colorado Blvd.)

Meeting was voted to be adjourned by Amy O'Brien @ 8:26am