

AGENDA

STECK

February 6th, 2024 | Meeting called to order at 7:46am by Amy O'Brien PTSA President

Attendance

8 members were in attendance

Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were approved by Katie Neff and seconded by Stephanie Walton

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!

- Welcome any new members/families

Budget

- **Budget Summary (Crista Kuhn)**
 - Current Balance/Standing: We have 153K currently in the account

Principal's Report

- **Ron Salazar Update**
 - Budget has been finalized for next year and although the PTSA was able to provide some additional funds, cuts were still deemed necessary
 - Gifted and Talented has been maintained at .5 FTE, which will also allow for some support for students who need intervention in math
 - Math intervention has been eliminated; literacy intervention will be adjusted to .75 FTE
 - One paraprofessional position has been eliminated
 - This means staff will be called upon to assist with additional recess and lunch supervision
 - Library tech position has been eliminated; library staff position will be maintained but reduced to .5 FTE
 - Ron is expecting an eventual enrollment of between 295-298 but budget decisions needed to be made based on official projected enrollment rather than actual numbers next year
 - There will not be a third kindergarten classroom as this was not deemed a helpful solution to the challenges with attrition in older grade classrooms
 - Enrollment in 4th and 5th grade are expected to be between 20 and 21 students in each class
 - There are currently 5 students on the choice list for 5th grade, which is a change from the past
 - Ron is asking for \$150,000 from the PTSA for the 24-25 school year

- The request for funding of \$150,000 would equate to roughly \$1000 donated per student
- Ron is hoping to budget in a way that allows for there to be some carryover into the 25-26 year
- Stacie put forth a motion to vote on the \$150,000 budget adjustment
 - Majority of attendees voted in favor of the increase
 - Katie will put together a communications update regarding the adjusted budget and general uses of the PTSA funds

Committee Reports

- **Fundraising (Molly Babineaux):** Steck Sustainer and Special Person's Day updates!
 - Special Friends Day is a go!
 - Date will be Wednesday, May 1st from 2:45 - 3:30pm. Teachers will be available during that time to greet students and their friends.
 - Molly will draft some flyers with details and a sign-up genius invitation
 - Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to assist with planning invitations and snacks as well as helping at the actual event
 - Steck Star Sustainer
 - We will send out a reminder regarding this funding option and hope to finish out the year strong
 - Staff may also receive Steck magnets to increase visibility
- **Communications (Katie Neff):** Katie will create an update regarding the adjusted budget and distribute that
- **Annual Auction (Katie Fogarty):** No updates
- **Room Parents (Ramona Harris):**
 - Individual classrooms are working on their Valentine's Day events
 - Ramona is working on setting up a Parent's Day Out as an opportunity for families to meet each other in a social setting
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation (Stacie Loucks):**
 - Teacher appreciation week is May 6th-10th
 - Plans for this week are in progress
 - This committee is making attempts to reduce overall spending in order to leave additional funds for other PTSA needs
- **Garden Club/Beautification Committee (Stacie Loucks):**
 - The committee raised enough money from the garden sales last year to be able to pay for some maintenance items
 - There will likely be another event in the Spring
 - The goal for this committee is to try and be self-sustaining

Additional Items

- Recess volunteers are always appreciated – sign-up link is on ClassTag ([Recess Volunteers](#))
 - **Because of staff reductions Ron is routinely spending time on lunch duty. Any volunteers will free him up for his specific principal responsibilities.**
- Almost all of our current PTSA board members are at the end of their 2-year terms.
 - Please reach out to parents in current positions with any questions
 - If more than 1 person expresses interest in a board position, there will be an official vote at the last meeting in May.

Walk On Items/Follow Ups

- School Dance (April 5th): Glow in the dark, neon party!
 - The DJ has been booked, permits are being pulled, and booking food is in progress
- Fun Run (May 3rd): Jess is ready to start communication with a group of volunteers, so please reach out if interested in helping.

- First meeting is next Tuesday (2/13) after drop-off at Frank & Roze Coffee Co (4097 E 9th Ave)
- There is a need to have updated information added to the PTSA website and Steck website
 - The management of the school website will likely be shifting to Nubia
 - Ron is requesting that any identified errors or non-working links be sent to him
- Parent handbook update:
 - Lindsay Washington and Emily Overbeck will work with Ron to determine best way of sharing school information with the school community
- Luis Rios continues to facilitate the special celebration each month

Upcoming Events

2/14: Valentine's Day Parties within individual classrooms

2/16-2/19: No school, 4-day President's Day Weekend

4/5: School dance: Neon/Glow theme

5/1: Special Person's Day

5/3: Fun Run

5/6-5/10: Teacher appreciation week

Next Meeting: March 5th or 6th, time TBD

Meeting was voted to be adjourned by Amy O'Brien @ 8:28am