

Oct 11 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Rebecca Thomas (President), Principal Kline, Assistant Principal Elliott, Natalie Keane (1st grade teacher), Ms. Moya, Stacey Harris, Liz Kerplansky, Anne Hunt, Julie Bielenberg, Polly Dicker (community representative)

We welcomed Polly Dicker to the CSA committee. She is a Hilltop resident, active in the community, and bakes and operates one of the largest cottage industry farmers market in the city on 7th and Bellaire.

Updates

Book Fair: Very successful, we raised \$2k more than last year for a total of \$11k. We are adding another register next year to deter long lines.

Jog a Thon: This is a very active event for the school. Lots of parents, grandparents and more showed up to support the Steck Stars. We will not know the funds raised until the November meeting. We are also looking for a new chair for this event.

Behavior Issues: Principal is happy to report Steck has much lower behavior referrals to the office than this time last year. As of this meeting, the average was zero to one a week. This is a decrease from two to three a week last year. (there were 103 referrals last year in total during 35 weeks in school)

Principal Report

- Steck is participating in teacher enrichment and program sharing with Slavens.
- Steck is beginning to transfer some of the grades into a MELD system. This is where children who are typically pulled out for special education, gifted work, speech or emotional help, etc., will also have access to these resources for 45 minutes a day in class as well. Fourth grade is starting this program, and then it will go to 3rd grade, 5th grade and so on. Other schools such as Carson are using this model.
- Empowering students curriculum is being used daily throughout all grades and has been a huge success.

Budget Update

- We have bond money that we must use, and some of this has been designated to technology and modern needs for the classrooms.
- Top priorities for money include: update remaining five classrooms, add an audio/visual system to the auditorium, and add school branding. There are other items on the list, but these were the most popular and import. (there is an itemized sheet with projects completed and wish lists with estimated costs for anyone who would like to review)

General News

- There is a new Steck Facebook Page for PTSA, please join and share with family, friends and community.

Teachers: We are currently looking to hire a full-time 4th grade and Kindergarten Para. Please share this with family and friends who are in search of an incredible teaching opportunity at one of the best school's in the most fascinating city's in America.

Data: We will not have an update on our School Performance Framework until the next meeting.