

**STEELE ELEMENTARY
PTA MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2008
Steele Cafeteria**

CALL TO ORDER:

Program: How Crises and Emergencies Are Handled in DPS with Ms. Allison Daniels, Director, DPS Emergency Response and Crisis Management; Mr. Ed Ray, DPS Head of Safety and Security; and Mr. Alex Sanchez, Director of Communications for DPS. Program began at 6:05 pm, President Liz Adams called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm in the cafeteria of Steele Elementary.

ATTENDANCE:

Liz Adams, Margaret Sobocinski, Beth Ferguson, Anna Cafaro, Susan Bell, Linda Austin, Diana Hersh, Nicole Russo, Charles Raisch, Suzanne Yates, Liz Marvan, Marie Meyer, Pam Silverberg, Jane Cole.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve Minutes from January 15, 2008 made by Beth Ferguson; second by Linda Austin. Motion passed, Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Liz Adams reported that the Academic Development Fund has used about \$100,000.00 this year to help increase paraprofessional and BP intern support in the classroom. We still need for someone to take the lead for next year's Academic Development Fund, including heading the Direct Giving Campaign.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Brenda Mahoney was unable to attend the meeting due to a sick child, but Liz Adams reported that we are still on target with the budget this year, with \$28,257 budgeted and \$21,078 spent so far. Mr. Raisch recommended that we add the Science Fair to the budget next year. We also are looking for someone to file the PTA's taxes.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Charles Raisch reported that he is working on next year's estimated enrollment and class distribution. The numbers are still not set and more details will be known later this month.

FACULTY REPORT:

Ms Anna Carfaro and Ms. Nicole Russo reported that Mr Tim and his wife Marney had a baby boy, Brady Foster Welch, and paraprofessional Stacey Alarid had a baby boy, James. They reported that the teachers use the \$500 per classroom given by the PTA on field trip buses and classroom supplies. The PTA board asked if the teachers could send home a letter to families letting them know how their donations are being used in the

classrooms. Snacks for CSAP testing days were discussed, as well as report cards being sent out. Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled on a as needed basis.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Advocacy Committee was appointed by Liz Adams this past December 2007 to create a forum for parents, teachers, administrators and others can discuss concerns, gather information, and find the best avenue to successfully advocate for the children in our community. Upcoming events coordinated by the Advocacy Committee include: Building Successful Partnerships; Parent Training: Small Group Instruction; and The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. For more information contact Marie Meyer at mariemeyer@earthlink.net .

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The Steele Auction was well attended on February 9, 2008. Patty Mather and Robin Hutchinson are still working with the new auction software to tally the final amount raised.
- No other committee reports.

NEXT MEETING:

March 4, 2008

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Sobocinski
PTA Secretary 2007-2008