

## Steele School Council

## Minutes 2025-2026

Meeting Date: December 4, 2025

Meeting Location: Library

Members present	Brianna Zittlosen, Jessica Harris, Emily McDuffie, Kristin Kamell, Jennifer Ferrell, Robin Reddix, Alexis McVicker
Members absent	Robin Bizub
Constituency group represented	Certified, Administration, Classified

**I.** Called to order at 2:22 p.m. by Kristin Kamell

**II.** Approval of Minutes for September 11, 2025

<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Motion to approve as written by Jennifer Ferrell, Seconded by Emily McDuffie, All minutes accepted as written.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Unanimous
<b>ACTION ITEM CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED</b>	

**III.** Call to the audience

<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	No audience comments
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	

**IV.** Reports

<b>REPORTS TO REVIEW</b>	Budget Review/Tax Credit Reports
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Fine Arts \$6198  OMA \$2,700  Sports General 1363  Field Trips \$3523  After School Program \$2150  Undesignated \$23314  Undesignated has been expanded again this year to give some flexibility around using this fund. Can put this in News and Notes so staff knows there is some availability</p>
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	

ACTION ITEMS	
None	
REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal's Report
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget is coming up as the new year is approaching</li> <li>The bond was passed and will give some compensation changes</li> <li>There may be around a 25% cut to Title 1 funding</li> <li>There will be an update on the 100<sup>th</sup> day(January 21), our staffing levels will likely stay the same for next year</li> <li>There will be a Spring enrollment event on February 11<sup>th</sup> 9-11AM (this is a Wednesday). This is a Kinder kickoff, but we will be focusing on all younger grades. Steele has struggled in the past with having parents attend these events</li> <li>We can do some advertise at our upcoming events</li> <li>Last year the team worked to go to surrounding areas for recruitment</li> <li>Testing procedures at Steele are tight, State testing is coming up</li> <li>There has been a struggle with student behavior since November, been working to help hold students accountable and supporting students</li> </ul>
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

## V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	After School Clubs
DISCUSSION NOTES	Chess Club by McVicker. All grades will be invited. There will be behavior expectations for students who are attending. Thursdays 2:15-3:00. Thinking about starting in the fourth quarter Motion by Harris to approve \$450 from the After School Program fund for Chess Club for 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, enough to pay a certified staff and benefits, plus some prep time, seconded by McDuffie, All in favor
RESOLUTION	MOTION PASSED
ITEM TITLE	Garden/Outdoor Learning Space
DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion that we allot every classroom \$50 to purchase garden/outdoor learning space, \$700 from Undesignated to Home Depot for garden supplies, seconded by McDuffie, all in favor
RESOLUTION	MOTION PASSED
ITEM TITLE	Heidi Songs/Benchmark Extension
DISCUSSION NOTES	<p>Reddix paid for the Benchmark Extension with her own funds this year. The full program was very extensive and was not as needed.</p> <p>Motion to dismiss and look for other funding sources by Harris, seconded by Reddix, all in favor</p>
RESOLUTION	DISMISSED
ITEM TITLE	i-Ready Tool Kit
DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion to table until the next meeting by McDuffie, seconded by Ferrell, all in favor
RESOLUTION	TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
ITEM TITLE	Vacuum for Custodian

<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Motion to table until the next meeting by McDuffie, seconded by Ferrell, all in favor
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING</b>
<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Toner for Printers
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	We are back on Toshiba's support plan and toner supply  Motion to dismiss by Zittlosen, seconded by McVicker, all in favor
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>DISMISSED</b>
<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	UFLI
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Motion to table by McVicker, McDuffie seconded, all in favor
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	

**VI.** Discussion Items

- a. Is there a possibility of having a small budget for Family Engagement?  
How could we go about using that
  - i. There is \$500 for Family Engagement already through a different fund that can be difficult to use
  - ii. Where does the money from fundraisers go
    1. It does go into Gifts and Donations. Our previous PTO left a letter about how the money in that account is to be used
    2. It is worth exploring using tax credit for future years

**VII.** Submission of items for next agenda.

- a. Family Engagement
- b. UFLI
- c. Vacuum for Custodian
- d. I-Ready Toolkit
- e. Testing snacks

**VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm by Kristin Kamell