

Thank you to everyone who attended our first official PAC meeting Wednesday night April 27th. Here is a brief recap of what was discussed. Please read through this overview in its entirety. There is a lot happening at STEAD and we don't want you to miss out!

Purpose and Goals of the PAC:

A community of parents and family members who will support STEAD through **event planning**, **community engagement** and **fundraising** in order to:

- Enhance our children's educational experience by adding this layer of support
- Build a partnership with the STEAD guides and assist in their goals
- Have fun and create a common bond
- Contribute to the growth of STEAD in the years to come

Community Outreach Needs:

We would like to spread the word about STEAD through **community events** and **community engagement**. By participating in these events and spreading the word about STEAD in our own social networks it will allow us to:

- Build an awareness of the STEAD program
- Support enrollment goals
- Create new opportunities for internships and accelerator week activities
- Encourage financial support for our school

Fundraising Needs:

We discussed the need for fundraising. Current **on-going** efforts include:

- Amazon Smile
- American Furniture Warehouse
- King Soopers Rewards
- STEAD Wish List
- Direct Donations

*More information on these items is available on the STEAD website.

We have three fundraisers that are taking place **now** or **in the coming weeks**:

- World's Finest Chocolate Sale
- Student Quad Envelope Collection
- Book Drive

*Information has been released about the World's Finest Chocolate Sale taking place now. The funds raised will support the event students are planning for the last day of school. Stay tuned for more information on the envelope collection and book drive.

We have two fundraisers that are taking shape and **will be on-going** as we forge ahead:

- Community Nights
- Brick Campaign

*Lani Ingram is teaming with us to organize more community nights at local establishments such as the event held at Dion's Restaurant on Wednesday April 20th. It was a successful night for our school.

Jordan Dixon, Dion's Colorado Community Relations Manager, attended the meeting and discussed the company's desire to support education. The company has the resources and the drive to help us with fundraising and other events like restaurant tours, etc. We are excited for this opportunity to partner with **Dion's** and look forward to building similar relationships in our community.

*Kelly Leid, our STEAD co-founder, has organized a brick campaign to raise funds and to allow STEAD families and community members to leave a mark on the STEAD campus. We are working on some final details and this information will be released very soon.

Events:

We spent time discussing events that will take place now and into the summer. We will provide more details on the specific ways you can support these events as their dates approach. We truly appreciate your contributions of time, energy, resources, and ideas that make our STEAD events a success.

May Events:

- Staff Appreciation Week May 2nd to May 6th
- New Building Beam Signing May 6th
- Exhibition Night May 19th
- Accelerator Week May 23rd to May 26th
- End of Year Celebration May 27th (Last day of school!)

Summer Events:

- New Student Barbeque June 1st
- Movie Nights at Reunion June 11th and July 30th
- Red, White, and Blue Fest June 25th
- State House 38 4th of July Bike Parade July 4th
- Metro Denver Farmers' Market at STEAD June 12th to September 25th every Sunday

*These are the events we have planned thus far, but we are open to other ways of participating in community activities and celebrations. It was suggested that we have a presence at Music in the Park and the local car show. We would like to add to our calendar and through your presence and support we can.

Building STEAD and creating a STEAD community has been a real challenge this year with all that is going on in our world today, but I believe by working together we can overcome the challenges. We can enjoy the unique opportunity we have to support a program that will meet the needs of our children as we prepare them to become leaders and contributors. I look forward to working with all of you as we develop the **Parent Action Crew!**

Carrie Mitchell

P.S. If you'd like to get more involved, please e-mail me at mitchellca@comcast.net. We will be providing a designated PAC e-mail in the coming days, but I can be reached at my personal account in the meantime. If your interest is in the School Accountability Committee and you haven't already attended a meeting or filled out your nomination form, please e-mail Michelle or Keely at sac@thesteadschool.org.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to support STEAD events this year. Michelle Oray and Keely Thompson are organizing the SAC and Monica Schafer has been working to help get PAC started and to prepare for staff appreciation week, but I know many parents have been giving time and effort this year to support STEAD despite the Covid restrictions and challenges. Your contributions have not gone unnoticed. We will be relying on our parent leaders to continue to build on the foundation that has been laid and there will be plenty of opportunities to contribute as we move forward.