I. Rebecca Garcia opened the meeting at 6:30pm with 39 attendees.

II. Introduction of 2015-16 PTA Executive Team.

III. SCHOOL VISION DOCUMENT GROUP DISCUSSION
- Led by Principal Ostrom
- Principal Ostrom began with a poem, *The Real Work* by Wendell Berry
- Principal and attendees read and discussed Emerging School Vision Document.
- "Critical thinking", "life-long learners," "problem-solving skills," and "collaboration" (teaching students to work together in groups) were brought up as essential points attendees liked.
- An environment that supports girls and students with a diverse background also stood out as essential to the School Vision.
- "The whole child" is an important statement. All kids are different. Important to give each student individual time.
- Important to give kids a voice in the classroom – make decisions in conjunction with kids.

IV. PRINCIPAL UPDATE
- School makeup days – 10/9 is now a school day.
- Middle School iPad program – lease program with hefty cost. Scholarships available (pay what you can afford) funded by PTA and school.
- Concern raised about the new electronic back to school packet – some parents did not catch the email and suggest communication via "kid mail" notifying parents that back to school packet is now online.

V. PBL RESOURCE AND FUNDING DISCUSSION
- Rebecca Garcia handed out 2015-16 Proposed Budget. Attendees were encouraged to take Proposed Budget home and make suggestions at the next PTA meeting.
- Principal talked about possibility of hiring part-time PBL teacher Sarah Waldren.
- STEM K-8 is teaching Singapore Math in all grades. Middle School has received a waiver to teach Singapore Math. Elementary school has not received one yet. Schmitz Park donated some Singapore Math materials to STEM. PTA and school budget will cover the rest.

VI. BLT REPORT
- School would like to open the field up for students at recess. Volunteers are being sought to supervise playground during recess so employees can supervise students in the field.

VII. OPEN PTA POSITIONS
a. Room Parents needed for: Mebane, Sweeney, Nur, Newton, Gluck, Martin.
b. Chairs. (Community Events Chair, Fundraising Development Chair).
VIII. COMMITTEES FORMING
   a. Advocacy (Shawna Murphy) – Focus on ensuring our schools are fully-funded.
   b. Campus Beautification (Jen Greene) – work party every Friday (weeding, pick up trash).

IX. DIRECT GIVE UPDATE
   • Call for organizers.
   • Starts October 1st.

X. ENRICHMENT UPDATE
   • Linnea Siedelmann, Enrichment Coordinator
   • Able to offer more affordable options this fall. 10 classes at $25.
   • Attendees suggested foreign languages. Linnea explained we had Mandarin in the past but it hadn’t generated much interest.

XI. PTA UPDATES
   • Social, everyone invited. 10/2, 6:30-9:30 at TAF.
   • Volunteer need to complete a volunteer form every year.
   • Make sure your email is correct.
   • Attendee suggested a poll to find the best time for PTA meeting.
   • The STEM auction is 3/26, 2016.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

Respectfully submitted by Helen Green, PTA Secretary