I. Rebecca Garcia opened the meeting at 6:35pm with 19 attendees.

II. September Meeting Minutes were approved.

III. PRINCIPAL UPDATE

• School Vision Review, STEM vs. STREAM

• Kathleen Voss – what is the status of the STEM 5 Year Plan? Principal responded that CSIP (Continuous School Improvement Plan) mandates have rendered the 5 Year Plan irrelevant.

• Bell times. Probably have an 8:35am start time next year. All schools moving towards this.

• STEM “on the cusp” of having a teacher reduction that will impact 3rd/4th grade class sizes. Principal Ostrom has expressed his unhappiness about this potential change to SPS.

• Rebecca Garcia - Gatewood raised money to pay for a teacher last year. This is not the role of the PTA but is the responsibility of the state.

IV. ADVOCACY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION VOTE

• Shawna Murphy reviewed McCleary Decision, where 2010 Supreme Court ruled state was not living up to its constitutional duties.

• Resolution 1 (to advocate for full funding of our schools, in compliance with McCleary Decision).

• Resolution 1 was voted in unanimously.

V. BUDGET DISCUSSION

• Debbie Sarsidi Ross - $1,000 moved from Engineering to Literary Support.

VI. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

• Direct Give – goal $35,000

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Harvest Festival Potluck, October 28 (non-scary costumes)

• Fall Clean-Up Party, October 17

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Helen Green, PTA Secretary (minutes taken by Gretchen Evans, PTA Vice-President).