

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2015, 6:30-8:00pm in the Boren Library

- 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).

