

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2015, 6:30-8:00pm in the Boren Library

- I. **Rebecca Garcia called meeting to order at 6:37pm with 10 attendees.**
- II. **October meeting minutes were approved.**
- III. **PRINCIPAL UPDATE**
 - Principal Ostrom discussed PBL as part of STEM Vision and curriculum.
 - Principal presented information on PBL resource teacher Sara Waldron.
- IV. **BUDGET DISCUSSION AND VOTE**
 - Allocation of funds for PBL resource teacher Sara Waldron was unanimously passed.
- V. **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**
 - Direct Give is at \$28,000.
 - Chinook Books available.
- VI. **ADVOCACY UPDATE**
 - 2016-17 Bell Times – board did not vote on bell times. In last revision all bell times were moved back 5 mins. so STEM is now 9:35am to 4:05pm. Some tier 3 schools might be moved into Tier 1 or 2. 11/18 is the new vote date.
 - Student Assignment Plan – board did not vote on assignment plan (guides student pathways). K-8 students may not be guaranteed a spot in their area Middle School. Waitlists will clear on May 31.
 - Next meeting, Literacy campaign. Move PTA meeting because of Book Fair conflict?
- VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**
 - Jan 14 - PBL Night.
 - Harvest Festival Potluck - thank you organizers.
 - Family Movie Night, November 20 – 4th grade fundraiser for Islandwood trip.
 - Veterans Day Assembly on Monday at 9:45, performances.
 - December 3 & 4 – Scholastic Book Fair.
 - December 10 - *Grease* showcase for students
 - December 12 - *Grease* performance
 - December 18 - Guest Author for kids. Science writer. Kelly Milner-Halls

VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS OR QUESTIONS

- Helen Green asked about the status of the STEM 5 Year Plan - Principal Ostrom replied that it is no longer a living document. The STEM 5 Year Plan evolved into the STEM K-8 Vision.

IX. Poem

- Principal Ostrom recited the poem My People by Langston Hughes.

X. Adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted by Helen Green, PTA Secretary.