

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2015, 6:30-8:00pm in the Boren Library

- I. **Rebecca Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:35pm with 17 members present.**
- II. **November minutes were approved.**
- III. **Ms. Newton thanked 4th grade parents for organizing Movie Night, and thanked everyone for coming. Movie Night made \$1,500 towards scholarships for Islandwood.**
- IV. **PRINCIPAL UPDATE**
 1. Principal Ostrom read an excerpt from *The Flag of Childhood: Poems from the Middle East*.
 2. Welcome Christa Howsmon - new Elementary Assistant.
 3. BLT and school community are planning how STEM will use whole Boren building when Arbor Heights leaves.
 4. 5-10 year projection – 2 classes per grade level through 8th grade.
 5. Facility upgrades – there may be streams of revenue to tap for these changes.
- V. **LITERACY PRESENTATION**
 1. Librarian Mary Bannister presented a history of Literacy Curriculum in SPS.
 2. There are no officially adopted guides or materials in our district.
 3. Writing “Teach to Lead” grant proposal to encourage SPS to stop postponing literacy adoption.
 4. “Literacy is the backbone of STEM”
- VI. **LITERACY ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN**
 1. Presented by Shawna Murphy.
 2. Advocacy Committee has started a campaign to send a message to the Superintendent that we need and expect literacy adoption now.
 3. Shawna handed out postcards for parents to send to district to campaign for literacy adoption.
- VII. **PTA UPDATES AND QUESTIONS**
- VIII. **ADJOURNED AT 7:30pm**

Respectfully submitted by Helen Green, PTA Secretary.

