

**Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA**  
Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm in the Boren Library

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**I. Rebecca Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:35pm with 10 members present.**

**II. March meeting minutes were approved.**

**III. PRINCIPAL UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**

1. Facilities update: The overall news looks good. May be converting one room to a science lab.
2. Discussion of PTA funding priorities. PTA will continue to provide consumables for Singapore Math.
3. Tech discussion, iPads (future of 1:1): Highly likely that we will look at a combination of a “bring your own device” program and other supports. Our school needs iPads rather than another brand of tablet to facilitate learning experiences. It must be the iPad but could be iPad Mini.

**IV. ADVOCACY UPDATE**

1. Advocacy Committee would like volunteers to run alternative activities for students who opt out of standardized testing.
2. Copies of “Decision to Support the Whole Child” alternative opt out form were handed out.

**V. AUCTION WRAP UP**

1. Net appx. \$65,000. Auction went smoothly. Surveys were positive overall.
2. Should we consider alternatives to the auction that would raise the same amount of money but engage more families?

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**

1. Feedback on student driven, walkathon-type fundraiser.
2. Open PTA positions.
3. Student Council monthly spirit days and possible fundraiser.
4. Work Parties – We received a “Find it Fix it” grant for pollinator gardens/native plants. Cedar Grove is donating compost. Work parties May 7 and May 21. Repainting playground too.

**VII. Adjourned at 8:00pm**

**Respectfully submitted by Helen Green, PTA Secretary.**

