

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm in the Boren Library

- I. **Rebecca Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:38pm with 27 members in attendance.**
- II. **April meeting minutes were approved.**
- III. **PRINCIPAL UPDATE**
 1. Strong candidates for teaching positions. We got our top candidates for every position! Heidi Paulsen (7th grade ELA/Social Studies). Melissa Graham (ACCESS teacher).
 2. Water has been tested. It's good.
 3. School district now willing to commit \$600,000 to improve building facilities. Still trying to get a surplus playscape from another school.
 4. There may be multi-grade classes next year. Still being discussed.
- IV. **PRESENTATION FROM LIBRARIAN MARY BANNISTER**
 1. Mary on committee reviewing 10 K-5 literacy curriculums for SPS.
 2. STEM Summer Reading Challenge (would love to have more kids bring them back).
 3. Explained how to access e-books in library catalog.
 4. Library Advocacy (Librarian Equity Group) review. Asking for: per pupil funding of \$10 for library materials; qualified librarian at every school; manager of libraries for SPS.
- V. **ADVOCACY UPDATE**
 1. Paramount Duty petition.
 2. Seattle Weekly article on opting-out (featuring three STEM parents).
 3. Handed out postcards for library advocacy.
- VI. **2016-17 PTA PROPOSED BUDGET REVIEW**
- VII. **NOMINATIONS FOR 2016-17 PTA EXEC. COMMITTEE**
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**
 1. GiveBig preliminary total is \$450.
 2. Membership – please renew if you haven't.

Adjourned at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted by Helen Green, PTA Secretary.

