

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA General Meeting
February 13, 2020 6:30pm-8pm
STEM Library

Meeting Called to Order – Charles Cutter, Jr. PTA President

Principal's Update – Ben Ostrom

- Poem from Frank O'Hara
- Teachers are taking GLAD training - Guiding Language Acquisition Design.
- Upcoming school budgeting - Ben will brief staff Wednesday 2/26. PTA will discuss the proposed budget during the March 5 General Meeting.
- Thanks for the Hammering Owl Art Extravaganza - great participation and fun.
- Question about equalization across middle school curriculum and particular classes being cut at STEM - in particular impacts on Career & Technical Education. Ben doesn't believe CTE will be cut.
- Question - how is the reset going for 6th and 8th grade science? Ben feels the transition is going very well and that the new teacher is the right fit. A summary of the progress will go out Friday to 6th grade families.
- Amplify science curriculum for K-5 will start either next year or the year after. Teachers will jointly decide with Ben. STEM must implement it by 2022-23 year.

Approve January minutes

- Motion to approve; seconded.
- Approved unanimously. No abstentions.

Treasurer's Report – Don Knutson

- Annual income is on-target at 50% of the budget.
- Plea to participate in the PCC gift card so STEM earns 5% on purchases.
- Please also set your Amazon purchases to benefit STEM, via AmazonSmile.
- Proletariat Pizza night fundraiser - mention STEM to get the donation.
- Circa fundraising night brought in \$800 for camp trips.
- Hammering Owl income TBD, but the estimate is between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Expenses are still coming in. We invested in items like table cloths, black lights, etc to be used in future Hammering Owls and other events. We need to make up several thousand dollars at the Auction.
- We may need to purchase a Movie License. This would help with Parents' Nights Out. \$417/yr for an unlimited license through our WA State PTA. SWANK offered us a multi-year license for the single-year price of \$417.
- Federal Taxes were accepted.
- Washington State Robotics Tournament is February 29th - 5th graders qualified for the competition!

Nomination Committee – Angela Wallis

- Need one more member
- Kindergarten parent Sarah Cody-Roth volunteered to join - thank you, Sarah.
- **Nominating committee will provide a slate of Executive Committee PTA nominees for the May PTA General Meeting.**

Auction, Camp Fundraising – Charles

- Proletariat Fundraiser Night for 5th & 8th grade camp trips is Thursday March 5 - Dine-in, Take-out, Delivery all count. Just mention STEM.
- Camp Tees available to fund camping. Camping is \$400/person so we need support.
- AUCTION
 - Still in need of desserts for the Auction. Let Robin Graham know if you can donate one.
 - Auction Committee meeting is 7pm on February 26, March 11 and March 18 at Great American Diner.

Playground Committee - Adrienne Ollerenshaw

- Needs in-kind volunteers to put in hours for the City Grant. Email Adrienne if you can commit.
- Grant is for up to \$50K; will go toward playground design only.
- Grant due to the City 2/25.
- Adrienne needs help getting Delridge area residents involved and at the table to make the Grant application successful. Ideas for engagement: Make requests to Youngstown Cultural Center, Seattle Housing Authority, Daycares - World Kids, Southwest Early Learning, Children's Academy. Alicia will visit SWEL.

Advocacy - Alicia

- Ask for support through mailing a postcard for two important topics: Ethnic Studies Department and stopping teacher abuse of students. Consider writing a short note - a request to reinstate Tracy Castro-Gil and consider; messages like "improve HR practices to prevent abusive teachers in our classrooms"; "Reinstate the Ethnic Studies department".

Questions, comments, concerns

None

Adjourned at 7:36pm.

Next meeting March 5, 2020 6:30-8:00pm at STEM Library

