



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 General PTA Meeting
April 21, 2022 – 6:30-8pm

- Attendees: Kate Moore, Alicia Every, Amelia, Jess Andre, Trey Sanders, Erika Whinihan, Shawna Murphy, Kim Noble, Marie, Lyjean, Lonnie, Hannah Tracy, Mary Ann Lambert, Heidi Paulson, Marie, Caitlin Huertes, Jane Altemose, Adrianna Johnson

MEETING MINUTES

1) Call Meeting to Order (Kate Moore) – 2 minutes

- a. Land acknowledgement: The Louisa Boren STEM K8 PTA acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

2) Break-out rooms/GTKY

3) Student presentation about tetherball update

- a. Approx. \$700.
- b. Have spoken to district people who can install. Don't know how low it will take.
- c. Mary Ann suggested penny drive fundraiser (jars per grade – bring spare change)
- d. Trey suggested PTA matches what students raise

4) Student requests

- a. Left hand scissors
- b. Bathrooms should be gender neutral
 - i. OR at least need advertising for gender neutral bathrooms – lots of kids don't know it exists (it's in teachers' lounge)
- c. Gender neutral sports – sports shouldn't be gender exclusive
- d. Gay/queer is being used as slurs/derogatory frequently. Same thing for slurs about race and religion and religious headwear. Students have also heard body shaming comments at school, which is really hurtful (mostly middle school boys).
 - i. Students: Needs addressing by teachers.
 - ii. Suggestions: maybe bystander intervention

5) Kim Noble update – stand in for Principal Ostrom

- a. Staffing
 - i. Interviewing for 3 positions (CTE, K, and PE). One position was filled from within by existing pre-school teacher



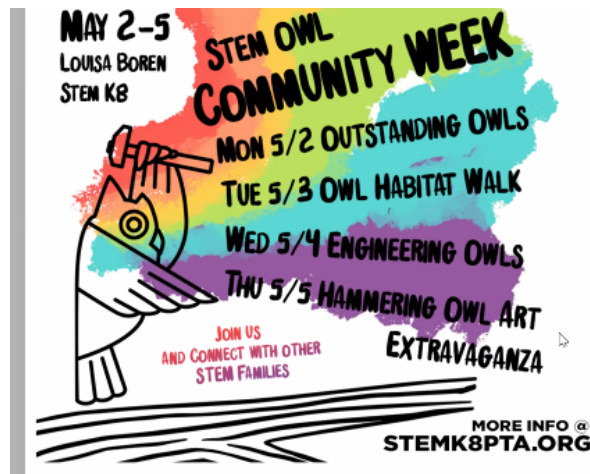
b. New start times

- i. We would be on the 9:30-4 Tier III schedule
- ii. Hoping that there are enrichment activities in the mornings added
- iii. Overall consensus is that this timing is terrible. Really hard on parents.
- iv. Possible solution:
 1. Rolling start
 2. There were other bus bidders. Could go with another bidder.
- v. <https://www.k12insight.com/Lets-Talk/Dialogue.aspx?k=WF7G2YLT%40DY8N1B7LT&fbclid=IwAR05RrOLzrsFN9EXAIE4HwUZtBEFAUKQo8zPuZMH0Bk5p9c1mpL3MuRxJgk> – link for providing your input!

6) Approval of Meeting Minutes

7) Committee updates:

- a. Fundraising - Mary Ann -
 - i. STEM Community Week! May 2-5 + art preview! Help spread the word!



- ii. Raffle tickets - ways to get free ones if families can't buy them, so they can still enter into the raffle
- iii. Spread word to new incoming STEM families
- iv. First dine out – **May 19**
 1. Panda Express – Burien - nice kickback

b. Treasurer – Trey

- i. Income to date - \$30k
- ii. Expenses to date - \$9k

c. GGLOW – Shawna

- i. friendlyhmongfarms.com – buy mother's day flowers, supports STEM!
- ii. Pride Parade - Saturday June 26, 2-4pm (Morgan Junction, in conjunction with Youngstown coffee)



- d. Communication – Caitlin
 - i. Trying to leave lots of Facebook space for Hammering Owl & community week
- e. Families of Color event
 - i. March 24, 6:30-8:30 – session on microaggressions
 - ii. Race & equity team meeting today
 - 1. Upcoming events; looking for volunteers

8) Meeting minutes from 3-10-2022 approved