

**Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA General Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday May 12, 2022 6:30-8:00 PM**

Attendees: Kate Moore, Alicia Every, Mary Ann Lambert, Cindy Heidelberg, Trey Sanders, Shawna Murphy, Hannah Tracy, Ellie Robinson, Rachel Hall, Erika Winiham, Rachel Hall, Margo Bergman, Charles Cutter, Adrienne, Joe Laubach, Paula Clement, Ashley Utu, Jess Andre, Heidi Paulson, Ben Ostrom, Lily Iftner

- 1. Call Meeting to Order (Kate Moore) - 5 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. Penny War/Tether Ball Update** – robust discussion about penny drive outcomes, pros, cons, lessons learned. Third grade won; everyone gets popsicles tomorrow.
- 3. Presentation on Yearbook Fundraiser - 10 minutes – Ms. Hall**
  - i. How to raise money or fund yearbooks so every kid who wants one can get one, regardless of ability to pay.
    1. Bake sale at PBL
      - a. Discussion about issues with too many bake sales/timing of bake sales
    2. Discussion about whether PTA could fund yearbooks for everyone who wants one
- 4. PBL Night – June 9** - will have yearbook bake sale on PBL night
- 5. Moving PTA Meeting (also scheduled for June 9) to Tuesday, June 7th**
- 6. Principal's Update (Ben Ostrom) - 20 minutes**
  - a. Field trips are happening again, which is awesome
  - b. New hires:
    - i. Jessica Long – 7th/8th grade science CTE position (used to teach carpentry enticement class. Currently at Graham Hill elementary)
    - ii. Kirsten MCAuley – moving from SPP+ part time preschool to primary distinct position
    - iii. Madeline Canty-Gill – SPP + preschool position
    - iv. Nicole Albertson – Kindergarten (was special ed teacher at STEM)
    - v. Tyler Gaither – PE (has been long term PE sub; becoming permanent)
  - c. Bus times move is tabled for now while they assess community feedback
  - d. Covid cases are increasing at STEM, like in the community
  - e. HCC – at STEM, they provide services with small group instruction
- 7. Shawna Murphy updates + GGlow updates**
  - a. Naloxone – every building will get new doses. New training for any staff who want it.

- b. New PRIDE t-shirts – designed by Autumn, queer parent at STEM and owner of Youngstown
  - i. Money goes to buy new LGBTQ+ books for Ms. B (need \$1250)
    - 1. NOTE: too much added work for Ms. B when people bring books b/c she has to catalogue them all on her own time. (Purchased from school source they come all catalogued and scannable.)
- c. **Pride event at school – June 1**
- d. **Pride event - Sunday, June 26 , 2-4pm** at Youngstown Coffee (Morgan Junction)

**8. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 04/21/22 – 3 minutes**

**9. Committee Updates - 25 minutes**

**a. Fundraising (Mary Ann Lambert) – 5 minutes**

- i. Community Week
  - 1. Staff got treats all week
  - 2. 2 dozen families at wetland walk
  - 3. 3 dozen families at engineering night
  - 4. Hammering owl - great turnout
- ii. **Dine out – Panda Express – Burien - May 19** (20% of sales entire day benefit stem)
- iii. **Tuesday, June 14 – field day**
  - 1. Discussion about black light gym experience on field day. Perhaps too much work.

**b. Treasurer (Trey Sanders) - 5 minutes**

- i. Budget updates
  - 1. 30k in. 9k out.
    - a. This doesn't take into account recent events, like Hammering Owl
  - 2. We'll see increasing expenses next year as things open up

**c. Race and Equity (Hannah and Ellie) - 5 minutes**

- i. **PTA is hosting webinar by Families of Color Seattle - May 24, 6:30-8:30**, recognizing, interrupting, and resolving micro aggressions. Coordinating with Lafayette and Pathfinder, to invite their families and share the funding
  - 1. They will send out a registration link, to submit with questions and information.
- ii. **Culture Day** - in flux. Principal Ostrom doesn't want to pack all middle schoolers into one room. Covid concerns + lots of pressure for presenters. Thinking about booths and smaller presentations. Trying to figure out date. Maybe May 25 & 26
- iii. West Seattle equity sharing fund. Shifting funds from well resourced PTAs to less well resourced PTAs.
  - 1. Have had a couple meetings at board meeting with the creators of the fund.
  - 2. STEM is in the middle in terms of demographics.
  - 3. (To be discussed at next budget committee meeting.)

**10. Open Discussion/New Business (Kate Moore/Alicia Every) - 10 minutes**

- a. **Bike to School – next Wednesday, May 19**
  - i. Joe Laubach organizer
- b. **PBL Night – June 9**

- c. **Lost & Found Organization**
  - i. Maybe Ms. Paulson's TA's can help connect items with names on them
  - ii. wheel cart out at pickup or drop-off
- d. **Nominating Committee**
  - i. We need a co-treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President,
  - ii. LGBTQ+ - Margo volunteered!