

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2017 6:30-8:00 pm Boren Library

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- I. Alison Li called the meeting to order at 6:37. Reminder for attendees of Harvest Festival (10/25) and meeting with SPS facilities staff (10/24).

**II. Parent, Joe Laubach re: new Bike Club**

- a. Applying for a DOT mini-grant
- b. Plans: helmet giveaway, bike to school day (May), bike rodeo
- c. Wants: parents to help lead the club

**III. Principal Update**

- a. Selection from "Of Whom am I Afraid?" By James Tate
- b. Year-long school-wide priorities:
  - i. Collaborative curriculum work - New reading curriculum at all levels. Making adjustments to this school early in the year. It's eating into PBL time, but plans are underway for more PBL time later in the year.
  - ii. RULER – how to connect with home. Class charters. Mood meters. How do we get ourselves to a place of learning?
  - iii. Math – first professional development on Friday, Eureka Math. Developing a mathematical mindset, use what they know to do the parts of the problem they understand already.
    1. Middle school math – our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are doing algebra. Instead of skipping materials doing it in more depth. Providing math support classes for MS students.
- c. Upcoming meeting with SPS facilities staff 10/24
  - i. May attempt to change date so as not to interfere with Harvest Fest 10/25.
  - ii. There is no written update to our status.
  - iii. There may be conversation about STEM on BEX V
  - iv. The next step is to have a conversation with the community

#### **IV. Nominations and Elections of PTA positions**

- a. Secretary – Christine Southam.
  - i. Nomination – Alison Li
  - ii. Vote taken – *passed*
- b. BLA – Heidi Alessi
  - i. Nomination – Alison Li
  - ii. Vote taken – *passed*

#### **V. Financial Review, Margo (Co-Treasurer)**

- a. Over the summer, a financial review of the PTA was conducted by her and two PTA members.
- b. No fraudulent activity. Balanced books.
- c. Some issues around policies and procedures were illuminated. These are being corrected.
  - i. When individuals are made signatories in accounts, must be in exec meeting minutes.
  - ii. Clarification of who has rights to change online passwords.
  - iii. Other very minor issues.
- d. The document is available for anybody who wants to review it.
- e. *Motion for the PTA to adopt the Financial Review. Seconded. Passed.*

#### **VI. Fundraising Update - Alison**

- a. Contributions needed for Direct Give
- b. \$500 in Chinook Books sold

#### **VII. Enrichment Programs Update - Melinda**

- a. Cassandra O'Neal leaving Enrichment Coordinator position. Will be re-filling it. Posting in Owl Post.
- b. Invite parents to join Enrichment Committee – Meeting 10/19 Uptown Espresso Delridge
- c. How to boost enrollment in Enrichment programs, how to reduce costs
  - i. Member suggestion: activities bus
  - ii. Administrative/software aids
  - iii. Member suggestion: ride sharing forum for parents before signups

**VIII. Advocacy Update – Shawna**

- a. Look for PTA legislative priorities survey on Facebook
- b. All are welcome at our meetings, next is 10/17 7-8 Uptown Espresso Delridge
- c. Secretary of Education will be in Bellevue on Friday
- d. 10/24 Wa. Supreme Court hearing arguments on McCleary case
- e. Today is National Coming Out Day
- f. Next month's PTA meeting will include a gifting ceremony of \$1000 worth of LGBTQ books from last year's fundraiser of tee shirt and sweatshirt sales. Could possibly do again.
- g. Family dance June 1

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:29