

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017 6:30-8:00 pm Boren Library

---

1. Alison Li, PTA President called the meeting to order at 6:39.  
18 members in attendance.
2. The October meeting minutes were approved.
3. Update from Vice Principal
  - a. Poem: This is the Drum, by Missy Giovanni
  - b. This meeting is a celebration; books being donated to the school.
  - c. Facilities Update: we're not moving. We're not on the list for anything.
  - d. PBL updates: PBL is moving forward; creating foundations for PBL.
  - e. New math curriculum, Eureka Math. Accelerated math for all students; 8<sup>th</sup> graders taking 9<sup>th</sup> grade math. Working on helping kids who need extra support. Math talk. Engaging the kids.
  - f. Also new: RULER.
4. GGLOW Owls Book Presentation
  - a. Raised money through family dance and shirt sales
  - b. Personally impacted by her daughter's desire to have more books with LBGTQ main characters
  - c. Each classroom will get a book bag with grade-appropriate books
  - d. Reading of one of the books, Red

- e. Lisa Love, of SPS
  - i. This is one piece of working with LGBTQ students, staff, families.
  - ii. This group of parents did an amazing thing. This is a first step, a start.
  - iii. There is support for teachers.
  - iv. We have resources to continue the conversation at home.
  
- f. Autumn and Jordan, parents,
  - i. created a group for parents whose kids are going through transitions
  - ii. Special event this week, Lil Woody's burgers doing a special for fundraiser
  - iii. Thank you to the community
  
- g. Ms. Bannister, school librarian
  - i. Sees the students helping each other, the benefit of books such as these

5. Vice President

- a. Apologies for childcare issues, death in the family of one of the childcare providers

6. President's Update

- a. Band for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is currently one day a week; not sure what will happen with that. Awaiting information about Band Camp. There has been a request for additional funds from PTA for band.
  
- b. PBL – been checking in with teachers regarding PBL. They have been taking their professional development time, they've also been meeting with Sarah Waldron. Asked Ben to invite Sarah to a PTA meeting to discuss plan and goals.

Question: is there a recycling program for PBL materials? No current program, but if your students will let you disassemble projects, useful materials.

7. Enrichment Update (Melinda Luke-White)

- a. Changes to allow more scholarships
- b. New Coordinator (paid position) Ashlee Lyman
- c. Condensing down to fewer classes for winter session

8. Fundraising and Auction Update (Robin Graham)

- a. Final Direct Give amount: \$38,620
  - i. Appreciative of ALL direct give contributions
- b. Auction set for March 2
  - i. 80's theme, prom
  - ii. Needs cassette tapes for centerpieces
- c. Student council Tee shirt sales
  - i. Tee shirts may be worn on spirit wear days
  - ii. Contest winner designs will go to print as well
  - iii. PTA will help student council with spending the money they raise

9. Final discussions

- a. Matching funds for direct give contributions – still okay
- b. STEM Equity team meetings
- c. Volunteers needed for book fair
- d. Potential of getting STEM on BEX list

Adjourned 7:47 PM