

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Meeting
October 11, 2018, 6:30-8:00 PM
In the LB STEM K-8 library

- I. Call to order at 6:36 – Melinda Luke- White, PTA President
- II. September 13, 2018 Minutes- motion to approve, seconded, approved
- III. Vice Principal Update – Kim Noble on Equity Committee focus for 2018-19
 - Introduced self- 4th year as Assistant Principal at STEM, 28th year with SPS; large family in Seattle- one of her kids has Cerebral Palsy; interested in working more with SPED families this year.
 - Race and Equity- Currently starting a year- long book study with staff- Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain.
 - Multi-cultural Night 11/28- food, music, guest speaker Nikkita Oliver
 - Equity Committee wants to work with district to create action plan to get families involved
- IV. Guest Speakers:
 - Danielle Blechert, School Counselor
 - Worked most recently at Highland Park Elementary and has background in DV advocacy
 - Spends 30 min. in each elementary class each week; hopes to do small groups with middle school students eventually; also will focus on transition from 8th-9th (following ASCA model of priorities). Supports school wide programs like RULER
 - Focuses on behavior that may interfere with learning
 - Taylor Ulrey, Child and Family Therapist, School-Age Program at Navos
(Navos- places therapists in schools to help students access mental health care)
 - Degree in marriage and family counseling
 - Changed system recently- now offering walk in hours 10-4 at Navos, then student will be referred to Taylor. Or Danielle can refer to Taylor, to do intake here. Student age requirements apply.
 - Can treat students for anxiety, depression, bullying, trauma, family systems work, ADD assessment, etc. Also can offer family counseling services.
 - Working with Navos increases availability to wrap- around services. Form treatment team with regular meetings to identify needs and resources. Can go to IEP meetings.
- V. Executive Committee Reports
 - Treasurer's Report (President to provide update)
 - Vote on 3rd grade math manipulatives
 - Surplus in budget of \$5,500- Move to appropriate \$2,600 for 3rd grade
 - Add line item to current budget to amend

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VI. Committee and Coordinator Reports

- Fundraising updates- Robin
 - Announcements: Few Chinook Books still available; Harvest Fest 10/25 with scavenger hunt, costumes ok, free but donations accepted for Direct Give; 11/3 6-9 HPIC Owl Karaoke party- money raised goes to field trip fund
 - Auction/updating for mailer- look for your fave businesses to donate to our auction- mailers go out earlier than first meeting in January. Auction will be 3/23, theme: Best and Worst of Seattle
 - Direct Give has raised \$13,195 so far- needs \$23,805 still
- Advocacy – Alicia Every
 - This Tuesday at 7 meeting at Uptown Espresso on Delridge.
 - Attending statewide PTA Advocacy conference later this month. Will be able to vote on legislative priorities and learn a lot about being effective advocates
 - Bex V update- Randy White
 - Per 10/10 BEX Committee meeting, we have HVAC (\$4M) on proposal (\$30M still outstanding for other facility improvements).
 - Still need to advocate for passage of Levy that will fund improvements.
- SPED group – Shawna Murphy
 - Half of staff at LB STEM is SPED staff, formed group to be sure SPED families are included in PTA work, met to discuss community needs.
 - Meeting again 10/18 at 630 in library. Teachers/ staff/ admin have been invited for beginning, then parents will discuss

VII. New Business, Questions, and Comments

- Adrienne Ollerenshaw, 1st grade teacher
 - Presented video and request for balls and playground toys
 - \$40 requested: Motioned, seconded, approved

Adjourned at 7:56 – Next meeting on November 8, 2018 at Boren STEM Library

Respectfully submitted by Tina Clere, PTA Secretary