

Louisa Boren STEM K-8
PTA Meeting Agenda
March 7, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM
In the school library

- I. Called to order at 6:37, 15 present
- II. Principal's Update
 - District/ school budgets
 - i. Per student allocation higher than last year. 0.3 up to 0.5 for intervention teacher (LAPP). ELL up from .4 to .6. On-site, half day developmental preschool has been decreasing and will not be closed next year. Assigned another Distinct Program (serves kids with profound disabilities)- grades/ staffing to be determined. RE class size reductions K-3, we had an extra staff member this year that we won't have next year. We will keep 3 rooms of K and decide on the other position later. Next year, we'll have one fewer 5th grade class and one more 6th.
 - ii. At STEM, these budget decisions were made: counselor will be 1.0 (extra funding for middle school). Librarian will remain 1.0. Staffing will actually be increased by 0.5.
 - iii. State may restore some of this funding. AT this point, expectation is that PTA will need to chip in ~\$16K more than this year.
 - iv. Focus on advocating for SPS (to superintendent), not individual schools, because she's working hard to increase equity district and statewide.
 - v. Our enrollment next year is full, but it's down district wide.
 - vi. May 6-8, Nature Bridge at Lake Crescent for 5th grade (since they couldn't do Islandwood)
 - Executive Committee Reports
 - Melinda Luke- White- President's update
 - i. A software- developer parent, Isaiah, has stepped up to possibly become the webmaster for both LB STEM and PTA sites. Another parent, Erika, is taking over the Owl Post, and another, Michelle, is the new Enrichment Chair.
 - ii. Upcoming workshop Tuesday 4/23- Encountering Whiteness. PTA here does not reflect our students, in terms of race/ ethnicity. We need to examine our organization in order to learn how best to increase a diverse membership.
 - Margo Bergman- Treasurer's update
 - i. Data analysis tool shows that we're in a good place with this year's budget, overall. Analysis shows we have wiggle room for re-allocating some funds in next year's budget.
 - Committee and Coordinator Reports
 - Robin Timmerman-Graham- fundraising updates
 - Auction committee meeting dates: 3/13, 3/20
 - 150 tickets sold so far, including 12 given to sponsors.
 - Bake Sale 3/8 for Safety Patrol
 - Pi Night 3/14 from 6-730. Sanislo community was invited to participate. We won a grant, so games will be raffled, plus 36 new games will be available for play. \$5 suggested donation. PTA will provide pizza and salad. Imperative that parents stay with their kids.

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- Shauna Murphy- Advocacy Committee update
 - SB 5313 stuck in committee, can be unstuck if we contact Ways and Means Committee and our Senators. Without passage of SB 5313, we can't get all the money we're owed from Levy.

- New Business, Questions, and Comments
 - Adrienne Ollerenshaw, 1st grade teacher and STEM parent
 - City approved Buddy Bench.
 - Want to work on creating a new play structure. Some funding will be available through the city; would also need a commitment from the PTA. Needs a real plan by September. Play structure would benefit the community, based on location. City will fund 50% - we would need \$60-200,00 total. Adrienne will continue researching and start a committee.

- Announcements- none
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM
- Minutes submitted by Secretary Clere