

**Louisa Boren STEM K-8
PTA Meeting Agenda
May 9, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM
In the school library**

Meeting called to order at 6:35
Minutes from April approved

I. Ben Ostrom, Principal's report

- With passage of WA state budget, we got back the FT librarian and counselor position that we were at risk of losing. Enough funding for another FT position- may go toward having one intervention position each for middle school and elementary school. Also got additional middle school staffing (based on enrollment projections).
- New science curriculum (Amplify) is misrepresented in the media/ greater community. Still, O anticipates that STEM will likely continue what we've been doing, rather than adopting it.
- Update on uniform controversy- part of the problem is how to separate middle school policy from elementary. Surveys (for families and staff) should go out in the next couple weeks, then info will be compiled and presented at June meeting.

II. Presentation from Librarian Mary Bannister

- Priorities of library: 3 goals of library collection
 - 1. Every student sees themselves and their families represented in the collection
 - 2. Collection meets the needs of students and staff for academic work and pleasure reading needs
 - 3. Collection represents the best quality literature available, keeping with literary trends
- Data: 18, 681 books in the library as of May 2019, which is 33 items per student (right in the middle of the range libraries strive to have)
- Book Fair options:
 - Scholastic- parents have great memories, but company is hard to work with. Books received need a lot of work from Librarian to enter into our library. Not much diversity in options. Excessive marketing to students (videos in classes).
 - Barnes & Noble- Has to be in store the first year, librarian has to process the books received, but highly personalized.
 - Follett- Books would be processed already, saving lots of time. But not available until 2020.
 - Usborne- They run the whole thing, so it's easy. They have foreign language and arts books, which are harder to come by. Concerns about racism in some of their books.
 - Option to have a literacy event rather than a book fair. Could bring in story tellers, have bookstores table, perhaps a book trade, dress as your favorite character, etc
 - If there's no bookfair, Mrs. B would miss out on credits/ free books. She would normally use that to replace graphic novels- we'd need to find an alternate source for that.

III. Executive Committee Reports

- Melinda Luke-White, President
 - End of the year calendar is set
 - 6/6 spring concert; 6/7 Ro Gluck Enrichment Theater performance; 6/12 Juneteenth celebration and Talent Show; 6/13 PTA meeting/ budget vote and Volunteer Appreciation; 6/15 930-1pm work party for painting blacktops, mural; 6/20 PBL night and something commemorating the new buddy bench ; 6/25 all school field trip to

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Lincoln Park during the day/ 8th grade graduation; 6/26 Field Day; 6/27 last day of school/ early release

- Margo Bergman, Treasurer
 - Report highlights- use Amazon Smile, turn in box tops, go to Thriftway (and PCC when it reopens) and bring in your receipts.
 - Turn in requests for funding by Sunday. Turn in receipts ASAP.
 - Teachers did great work spending PBL challenge grants.

IV. Committee and Coordinator Reports

- Shawna Murphy, Advocacy events
 - GGLOW Owls Dance Party, Friday 5/31 @5:30- also Pride wear day during school. Need volunteers to help set up and clean up. Lambert House and Gender Family Alliance will come set up resource table. Goal to raise \$700 for books for library.
 - Countering Whiteness recap
 - SPED at STEM 5/15 at 630
 - November is Trans Visibility Month- planning to have speaker/ former athlete Schuyler Bailor do two assemblies and one evening talk

V. New Business, Questions, and Comments

- Adrienne Ollerenshaw, parent and teacher. Continued work on Buddy Bench project, including work party mid- June. Also thinking about grant toward improving/ replacing the playground. Only 25K available at a time from the city. Must be a community project, not strictly this school. Needs steering committee- cannot be all school people. Could include World Kids, SWEL/ Refugee & Immigrant group, Delridge Neighborhood Association, Alicia's in-laws, Calder's grandparents.
- Joe Laubach, parent- Obtained SDOT Safe Routes to School grant. Just led Bike to School Day, bought books about bike safety for school library, will have social ride after school soon, Bike Bingo cards went home. Seattle Neighborhood Greenways just released a racial/ equity toolkit that we can use.

VI. Adjourned at 820

VII. Minutes submitted by Secretary Clere