



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA General Meeting Agenda Thursday January 13, 2022 6:30-8:00 PM

Attendees: Kate Moore, Alicia Every, Kate Bennett, Ben Ostrom, Shawna Murphy, Jess Andre, Margo Bergman, Hannah Tracy, Mary Ann Lambert, Heidi Trudel, Erika Whinihan, Caitlin Huertas, Ellie Robinson, Charles Cutter, Paula Clement, Brandon, Kate S., Lauren Brohawn, Heidi Paulson, Erin, Rachael, Trey Sanders

1) Call Meeting to Order (Kate Moore) - 2 Minutes

- a) Land acknowledgement: The Louisa Boren STEM K8 PTA acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

2) Community Check-In (Alicia Every/Kate Moore)- 20 minutes

3) Educator Spotlight: Heidi Trudel!

- a) Congrats to Ms. Trudel!

4) Principal's Update (Ben Ostrom) - 30 minutes

- a) Covid update
 - i. Policies for quarantine and isolation
<https://www.seattleschools.org/news/quarantine-requirements/#:~:text=Quarantine%20should%20last%20for%2010,for%20symptoms%20until%20day%2014>):
 1. Isolation:
 - a. When test positive - out for 5 days, return if still asymptomatic or if symptoms have significantly improved
 2. Quarantine (if close contact with someone who is positive)
 - a. Vaccinated - Monitor
 - b. Unvaccinated – out for 5 days, negative test to come back
 - ii. Contact tracing is changing a little
 1. School is doing the notifications to the whole class if someone is positive (not district). Still notifying whole class, usually within a couple hours.
 2. Contact tracers (district and contracted) do the contact tracing. They are still actively doing this and working really hard.
 3. Note: YMCA definition of close contact is a little different than STEM
 - iii. Masks
 1. The school is providing KN95s to teachers; N95s to teachers who are in higher risk situations.
 2. The school has cloth and surgical masks available for kids.
 - iv. Testing

1. The school has both rapid and PCR tests. They are testing kids if there is a reason to (parent requests, kid had a symptom).

5) Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/9/2021 – 2 minutes

- a) Quorum approved

6) Committee Updates - 23 minutes

- a) Treasurer (Trey Sanders) - 3 minutes
- b) Fundraising (Mary Ann Lambert) – 3 minutes
 - i. Direct Give – raised \$25k
 - ii. Giving Tree - \$5k
 - iii. Other ways to give - shop and give; box tops (digital now! No cutting and mailing!); Thriftway gives back
- c) Communications (Caitlin Huertas) – 3 minutes
 - i. Getting a monthly newsletter going
 - ii. If you want something posted by Caitlin, send it to her with a blurb so she can get it up faster.
- d) Advocacy (Alicia Every) - 3 minutes
 - i. Advocacy week is next week
 - ii. Levy vote is coming up. Vote!
- e) Race and Equity (Hannah and Ellie) - 3 minutes
 - i. February 14 – virtual skills and career fair
 1. Sign up here to talk about your job!
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ9NUm2wtW2FGm10tKDRFaBUODFGVDJLMUJLRjBRSEQ5VEg1VFZDNFNTTy4u>
 - ii. Black student union list of demands
 - iii. Museum of Flight program – middle school BIPOC student focused. Applications are due soon.
- f) GGLOW (Shawna Murphy) - 3 minutes
- g) Auction (Margo Bergman) - 5 minutes
 - i. March 19

7) Health/COVID update (Kate Bennett) – 3 minutes

- a) 600 kids were vaccinated at STEM's clinic!

8) Parking Lot Update (Caitlin Huertas) - 5 minutes

- a) Sharing proposal at the Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee meeting next Friday.

9) Open Discussion/New Business (Alicia Every/Kate Moore) - 5 minutes

- a) Endorsed YES vote on levies - Prop 1 & 2 (unanimous vote in favor)
 - i. Con: Property tax levies put a disproportionate tax burden on renters
 - ii. Pro: schools needs money

10) Virtual Tours for prospective families - Volunteers Needed

- a) February 3 and February 10 – need volunteers to answer questions.

11) Committee needs

- a) **Budget Committee** - forming soon. Need committee to hammer out what budget will look like next year.
- b) **Nominating Committee** - not sure what positions will be open, but will know soon
- c) **SPED Chair needed** – need some involvement