



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 16, 2023 – 6:30-8 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Kate Moore, Alicia Every, Ben Ostrom, Tom Every, Katie Trent, Hannah Tracy, Cindy Heidelberg, Trey Sanders, Shawna Murphy, Lauren Brohawn, Jen Jackson, Heidi Paulson, Mary Ann Lambert, Paula Clement, Kate Bennett, Scout Michael, Chirag Amin, Erika Whinihan, Adrienne Ollerenshaw, Jess Andre, Erin Eaton

1. Call meeting to order – Kate Moore

- a. Land Acknowledgment: The Louisa Boren STEM K8 PTA acknowledges that we are on the ancestral 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

- a. Community Check In: If money, time, and physics were no object, where would you travel to? Participants discussed in break out groups

3. Principal's Update – Ben Ostrom

- a. Poem reading
- b. Primary student with personal challenges inspired a teacher to suggest that the student can be a PI looking for things that make him happy
- c. Projected enrollment numbers are high for 2023-2024, which mitigates budget impacts. Historically numbers drop in middle school, but added a lot this year.
- d. Budget season will be a bit fraught coming into March. No strong implications of what will happen quite yet
- e. Question about playground being unsafe. How can we jump start process to get a new playground? Any district maneuvers given the safety concerns?
 - i. Mr. O suggested we gather data on playground injuries and contact small projects head, capital levy person and the risk management person would say for next steps
 - ii. Adrienne O said previous effort showed it would take several years of grant writing and neighborhood participation to make it happen
 - iii. If anyone in the meeting has time and ability to contact the Risk Manager, volunteers welcome. Alicia will contact the school nurse for incident reports
 - iv. Suggested contacts:
 1. Richard Best Executive Director Operations for Capital, Facilities, rlbest@seattleschools.org, 206-252-0644

2. Noah Greenberg, Major Preventative Maintenance Manager,
nngreenberg@seattleschools.org, 206-252-0534

4. Minutes Approval

- a. Minutes from 1/12/23 meeting were approved by present members. An attendee name from the prior meeting was misspelled and should have said Jane Altemose.

5. Kate Moore

- a. x

6. Committee Updates

a. Trey Sanders, Treasurer's Report

- i. Mission and Values Review: Enhance STEM learning, Support PBL as a core tenet of curriculum, Enrichment, School/Staff support, Creating a safe space, and Student/Family/Community Building
- ii. \$11,566 raised YTD, \$25,437 spent
- iii. ^fundraisers from February are not reflected here
- iv. Money coming from Mod Pizza fundraiser, charitable grants, movie night fundraiser
- v. Money going to: Giving Tree, 5th & 8th grade field trips. If the grades raise more than needed for the trips, PTA is meant to be a pass through. Best would be to spend it reducing the amounts families are paying directly. Could also be used for 5th and 8th grade graduations

b. Mary Ann Lambert, Fundraising Committee Update

- i. Move-a-Thon raised \$20,100 (goal was \$10,000)
 1. Expenses were \$837,
 2. 90 students participated,
 3. average donation was \$65.92
 4. Thanks to all of the volunteers and staff who helped!
- ii. STEM community Week is 3/13 – 3/17
 1. Free events – no tickets or RSVP. For everyone, opportunity to see the school and meet families
 2. Partnerships with community organizations
 - a. Mon Wetlands Walk
 - b. Tues Pi Day
 - c. Weds Science Lab
 - d. Thurs Engineering Workshop
 - e. Fri Hammering Owl Art Extravaganza
 3. Ways to help are attend, buy raffle tickets, volunteer one of the days
- iii. International Food Festival April 29 is last big event for the year
 1. Saturday afternoon. Students will be the chefs. Held at school
 2. Partnering with Race and Equity team and school
 3. Ticketed event , BINGO cards, recipe sharing
- iv. MOD Pizza dine out day is 2/27, 3/30, 5/10
- v. Chipotle is 3/11 (4-8 pm)

- vi. Dream Dinners will sponsor STEM in early May
- vii. Need 3-4 BECU members to help nominate STEM for a grant

c. Hannah Tracy - Race and Equity update

- i. Student Climate Survey happens each year in Fall and Spring. Pulled some data to look for opportunities to better serve student needs.
- ii. Worked with teachers to identify climate barriers and opportunities to improve.
- iii. Team is working on events around:
 1. Ramadan to educate students and staff
 2. AAPI month
 3. PRIDE in June

Need help with the events

d. Cindy Heidelberg, Communications Update

- i. Website is up and running, adding lots of info to create an amazing resource: stemk8pta.org
- ii. Follow on FB and Instagram for up to date info
- iii. Mary Ann is publishing weekly newsletter on fundraising efforts
- iv. Reach out to Cindy with any updates to get out to the STEM community

e. Jess Andre, Room Liaison Update

- i. Now have a 5th Grade room liaison for Ms. Graves' class. Still need one for Mr. McGavick's class

f. Paula Clement, Staff Appreciation

- i. Tuesday was staff appreciation for Valentine's Day. Lots of chocolate and people were happy
- ii. Next will be March 9 and will be a lunch effort

7. 7:52 Open Discussion Items – Kate Moore

- a. Earlier this week, Ms. Morgan and Ms. Donnelly on the Building Safety Team recommended an emergency comfort kit effort: bottle of water, snack, notebook, crayons, fidget keychain, and picture and note from home.
 - i. Would cost >\$700.
 - ii. Storage for this year could be totes in classroom.
 - iii. Toughest piece is probably the family contributions
 - iv. Budget does not have a line-item for this; would recommend fundraising or create an Amazon wish list and folks can fulfill
- b. Campus Safety Concerns: have had reports of police speeding through the area during pick up and drop off. Against police policy. We can file a complaint through the website; requires very specific information
 - i. Wondering if anyone has a contact in the SPD who could help escalate
 - ii. Write down dates and times when speeding through the school zone is observed
- c. PTA was contacted via Facebook by a group led by Eric Bell. A group will be cleaning up the abandoned encampment directly above the school on Saturday and would love any help removing debris. 9:30 – 11:30 on Saturday.
- d. Need a nominating committee for next year

- e. Also need someone to take over fundraising
 - f. May need other positions filled. Anyone interested let Kate and Alicia know
 - g. Paula Clement said a teacher approached her today about snacks for the building. Could we create a central location for all snacks instead of at a grade or classroom level. Some classes are underserved by parent donations
 - i. Implement next year?
 - ii. Budget equity line item focused on supporting the school could potentially also support this
 - h. Budget has \$200 per classroom. What qualifies as a classroom? Could literacy specialist or other staff members also utilize these funds?
 - i. Budget is built at 40 staff members; not clear if that's 40 classrooms or ___?
 - ii. Anything related to PBL is easier to accommodate
- 8. Adjourned by Kate Moore at 7:54 pm**