



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

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Kate Moore, Alicia Every, Cindy Heidelberg, Shawna Murphy, MC Nachtigal, Kate Bennett, Caitlin Huertas, Azalea Huertas, Odessa Huertas, Jane Altemose, Trey Sanders, Tom Every, Kim Noble, Jenne Olsen Patrick, Aaron Olsen-Patrick, TB Macias, Scout Michael, Paula Clement, Hannah Tracy, Erika Whinihan, Chirag Amin, Heidi Paulson, Mary Ann Lambert, M Chavez

1. Call meeting to order – Kate Moore

- a. Land Acknowledgment: The Louisa Boren STEM K8 PTA acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, 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: What is your favorite part of Spring?

3. Principal's Update – Kim Noble

- a. Mr Ostrom is doing well, excited to come back after Spring Break
- b. Poem: *April Rain Song* by Langston Hughes

4. Minutes Approval

- a. Minutes from 3/9/23 meeting were reviewed and approved by present members.

5. Nominating Committee:

- a. Must be at least 3 but not more than 5 members
- b. Must be elected at least 30 days prior to the election of the officers. Will meet and then submit a recommendation to the Board for the 2023-24 officers
- c. PTA Member nominees: Zach Ward, Jess Andre, Cindy Heidelberg, Hannah Tracy
- d. Tom Every moved to approve the nominating committee candidates, Alicia Every seconded and the members present approved the committee

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. Funds raised to date \$39,874, Expenses \$30,819

1. Money coming from Move-a-thon, Art Extravaganze, Movie Night (earmarked for 5th/8th Grade field trips)
2. Money going to Giving Tree support, classroom support, safety patrol support, PBL
3. Budget committee meeting scheduled soon

b. Mary Ann Lambert, Fundraising Committee Update

- i. Community Week didn't raise as much money as hoped, but more than last year (\$7K). Fun engagement, though!
- ii. Next event is the International Food Festival, April 29
 1. Students are featured chefs, featuring dishes they really want to share. Hoping for lots of students from lots of backgrounds. Sign up form on PTA website. Peel & Press will also be there serving pizza. Ticketed event (\$50 for a family, \$10 for a kid, \$25 for adults), but student chefs will enter without a ticket
 2. [Sign Up Here](#)
- iii. Last fundraising effort this year will be direct give, asking for straight donations to the school. Early May.

c. Hannah Tracy - Race and Equity update

- i. Professional Development last week, students from the leadership team came and spoke to staff about their experiences at STEM re: safety and inclusion. Students shared about experiences with hate speech and feeling targeted and worked with staff on creative solutions to some of the issues.
- ii. Career Day coming April 28, looking for wide range of presenters. Do not have to be parents of students. [Sign Up Here](#)

d. Cindy Heidelberg, Communications Update

- i. Keep tabs on website and social
- ii. Check out the lost and found!
- iii. Owl Post should return when Ben does

e. Jess Andre, Room Liaison Update

- i. Drama Club on Wednesday afternoons from 2:10-2:40. Looking to do a full production of Matilda Junior. Need to do some fundraising, parents and teachers can volunteer to help
- ii. Students present say Drama Club is FUN!
- iii. Fundraising: \$700 for the play kit, plus costumes and sets, Mx Sonja's time. Goal is \$1,500 for everything
 1. Need to assess if PBL funds can be used. Enrichment funds offerings typically come with a price tag, e.g. \$25 to participate in _____. Since Drama has already started, tougher to apply. Can also fundraise through tickets and concession stands at the play.

f. Lauren Brohawn, Enrichment Update

- i. Launching week of April 24. Will be two offerings
 1. Grades 3-5, Coding for Kids and Rope Works
 2. Trendy Crafts

3. Lauren is drafting comms to go out

g. Paula Clement, Staff Appreciation

- i. Next Staff Appreciation is the first week of May is teacher appreciation week. Will work on a plan during Spring Break and share out opportunities
- ii. PTA funds have helped buy four square balls which is great, 3-5 grade recess has many games going on at every recess
- iii. [April JamBoard](#) for staff appreciation

7. New Business – Kate Moore

- i. Facing loss of school counselor Danielle Blechert next year due to budget cuts. Erin Eaton attended school board meeting and Leslie Harris, our School Board rep, is hosting an event on Saturday to hear from constituents at the West Seattle Library from 2-5. Opportunity to plead case for Ms. Danielle
 1. Parents and students poll sent out this week via Facebook. Planning letter writing campaign
 2. In a good position to get 0.5 allocation back, but at that point Ms. Danielle may have already found a new position...
- ii. Middle School made whole with discretionary 0.5 allowance. May still win another 0.5 back but would need an additional 0.5 to keep Ms. Danielle
- iii. Juneteenth celebration will have drummers and an assembly and more!
- iv. June PTA meeting will be on a different day than 6/8

8. Adjourned by Kate Moore at 8:05 pm