



**Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 14, 2021 – 6:30-8PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Cindy Heidelberg, Kate Moore, Kate Bennett, Hannah Tracy, Shawna Murphy, Jess Andre, Ellie Robinson, Alicia Every, Trey Sanders, Mary Ann Lambert, Peter Maier, Erin Eaton, Alicia Every, Lauren Musladin, JoLynn Berge, Ben Ostrom, Carlos del Valle, Jess Andre, Caitlin Azalea, Anthony Mich, Brandon Johnson, LeChelle, Charles Cutter, Heidi Paulson, Ramiro, Reggae GR, Jaxson, Derona B, Lars, Bray Hayden, Danielle, 1lerrisman, Cynthia Moon, 1illbaker, Paula Clement, Marisa Waits, Colleen, MC Nachtical

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order** (Kate Moore) - 5 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) **School Funding Levies Update** (Jolynn Berge, Carlos Del Valle) - 20 minutes
 - a) JoLynn Berge
 - i) Levies
 - ii) funding
 - iii) funding gap
 - (1) SPS has 9 fully funded RNs for 50,000 SPS students. We are at 68. Need to be at 105.
 - (2) State fully funds only a portion of custodians
 - (3) State only pays for 82M of 180M budget for special education
 - (4) Levies pass for a 3 year period. Asking for \$646.8M over three years (74 cents per \$1000 of assessed value) (current amount allowed under state law is 63 cents per \$1000. SPS is asking for 11 cents extra).
 - b) Carlos Del Valle
 - (1) Capital levy (6 year levy)
 - (a) Building projects, technology, academics/athletics (BTA)
 - (b) Staff recommends \$765M over 6 years
 - (i) Address all Priority 1 projects
 - (ii) 46 cents per \$1000k of appraised value
 - (iii) 3 cents mor than BTA IV in 2016
 - (iv) Technology amount doubles 2016 with 1:1 and other tech changes
 - ii) Levy plans:
 - (1) Meetings with 20-30 PTAs and the public
 - (2) Voting
 - c) Peter Maier – Schools First
 - (1) 3 asks:
 - (a) Put it up on website
 - (b) Funding
 - (c) Listserve – get the wold out!

(2) Contact him with questions!

(a) Peter Maier Schools First, plmaier@aol.com 206 406 896

- 3) **Breakout Rooms – Getting to Know Each Other!** (5 minutes)
- 4) **Slideshows/Classroom pictures** (2 mins)
 - a) Staff appreciation
 - b) Custodial appreciation
 - c) Virtual tour!
- 5) **Voting in new executive board** - 2 mins
 - a) **Quorum voted in new board members**
 - i) **Kate Moore/Alicia Every – co-VPs**
 - ii) **Kate Bennett – VP**
 - iii) **Rob Gala - Advocacy chair**
- 6) **STEM Students Playground Proposal** – 10 mins
 - a) Add a tetherball court - need to figure out fundraising
 - b) What they know about costs
 - i) Pole - \$100
 - ii) Ball - \$15-30
 - iii) Installation - \$200-300 (maybe more; takes time)
 - c) Q&As
 - d) Plan
 - i) Danielle is helping. They are starting with District Self Help to figure out feasibility and safety ‘
 - ii) They will report back once they have a plan
- 7) **Principal Ostrom’s Update** (Ben Ostrom) – 20 minutes
 - a) Some schools are losing FTEs because enrollment is down. STEM is down about 30 students. District is trying to use funding to avoid staff adjustments. STEM isn’t having staff adjustments.
 - b) Employee vaccination mandate takes effect soon
 - i) No certificated staff will be affected
 - ii) A couple other staff will miss a couple days b/c they won’t quite be 2-weeks from 2nd shot.
 - iii) Biggest effect: school bus driver shortage
 - (1) They will prioritize special ed; homeless/foster; tier 1-3
 - (2) Tier 4 lost all transportation not related to the priorities
 - (3) We are Tier 3 – our school transportation will be maintained. May have more delays though.
 - c) Only one positive COVID case. First day of school.
 - d) Mr. Parsley – going on medical leave until December. Long term sub Alex Lee will fill the position in the interim
 - e) Q&A
 - i) Where are school lunch menus posted?
 - (1) District website - <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/culinary-services/menus/>
 - ii) Sports update
 - (1) Winter basketball season will go out before conferences

(2) No comms yet from Athletic Dept in winter sports season. May see some COVID related guidelines

- 8) **Treasurer's update** (Trey Sanders) – 5 mins
 - a) Annual financial review results - board recommendations
 - i) No unfavorable findings!
 - b) Budget report
- 9) **Advocacy Update** (Rob Gala) – 5 mins
 - a) Rob is getting his feet wet and excited to start.
 - b) Legislative assembly is next weekend, if anyone wants to join!
- 10) **Fundraising Committee** (Mary Ann Lambert) – 5 mins
 - a) If you want to help with art/auction, reach out!
- 11) **Communication Committee** (Mary Ann Lambert) – 5 mins
 - a) Gorgeous new website update
 - b) Calendar is easier to find
 - c) Donation pages are all consolidated now – one portal to donate money
 - d) Current volunteer opportunities are staying updated on the website
 - e) Weekly Owl post is getting streamlined and updated with Cindy Bacca
 - f) Caitlin might take over so Mary Anne has fewer roles!
- 12) **GGlow update** (Shawna Murphy) - 5 minutes
 - a) November PTA meeting – Transgender Awareness month – will be discussing Obie is Man Enough (by Schuyler Bailor)
 - i) Order book at <http://estelitaslibrary.com/>
 - b) Big Pride event
 - c) Shawna is looking to hand over the LGBTQ+ chair! Are you interested?
- 13) **Race & Equity Committee** (Ellie Robinson) - 5 minutes
 - a) Team growing – added 2 new people (LeChelle Lewis; Lisa Todd)
 - b) Want to add new leadership to the BLT (Building Leadership Team)
 - c) Action items: how to better support BIPOC teachers
- 14) **Room Liaison/update** (Jess Andre) – 5 minutes
 - a) one liaison per class. Do things like coordinate snacks, art projects, email communication.
- 15) **Committee involvement**
 - a) All committees would love more members! Reach out to get involved!
- 16) **Next meeting – Thursday, November 18, 2021 6:30-8** (one week later than usually scheduled b/c November 11 is Veteran's Day)
- 17) **COVID update** (Kate Bennett) – 5 mins
 - a) Outdoor lunch is happening w/ outdoor tents and tables!
 - b) Get your flu shots for you and your kids!