

**Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA General Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday March 10, 2022 – 6:30-8pm**

Attendees: Ben Ostrom, Kate Moore, Kate Bennett, Alicia Every, Cindy Heidelberg, Shawna Murphy, Melissa \_\_\_\_, Ellie Robinson, Mary Ann Lambert, Charles Cutter, Hannah Tracy, Heidi Paulson, Ashley Utu, Jane Altimos, Erika Whinihan, Heidi Paulson, Ashley Utu, Margo Bergman, M.C. Nachtigal, Jess Andre, Danielle, Dana

**1) Call Meeting to Order (Alicia Every) - 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)- 5 minutes**

- a. Name, introductions.
- b. Mask mandate one-word thought

**3) Principal's Update (Ben Ostrom) - 20 minutes**

a. Budget process

- i. Still significant decisions about how to fund things. A couple things working on:
    1. 7th & 8th grade science position – FTE requirement. Craig Parsley will be retiring (replacement will need shop/engineering)
    2. Will fund .4 middle school band
    3. Will continue to fund 1.0 interventionist. Requires using some supplemental funding.
    4. No longer Title I school.
    5. Will fund 1.8 social work/counseling (same as this year)
  - ii. To get to this, we could do a couple things:
    1. Spend all discretionary funding and some carry-forward funding (about \$85k). + work with PTA to offset some school expenses (professional development funds)
  - iii. Not making a formal request from the PTA yet about funding requests. Need to figure out final plan yet.
    1. Could do some creative solutions (e.g. combine music and band FTE. This would create a stable 1.0 band position.)
    2. Might also have fewer specialist needs yet – still to be decided
  - iv. There will be some teacher attrition. A few teachers are leaving Seattle.
  - v. Budget Q&A:
    1. Since not Title I, lose the early hiring privilege
- b. IEP – if child not getting services outlined in IEP, who do we ask? A: Ben and teacher.

c. Masks

- i. Masks are becoming optional.
- ii. All other covid precautions are remaining the same (other than that if an unvaccinated student has a close contact, they don't have to quarantine unless have symptoms).
- iii. Cases are dropping, vaccination rates are high
- iv. Our vaccination rate at STEM is about 70%
- v. (Not: hopefully visitors will be more freely allowed soon,

**4) Student Presentation: Tether Ball Update – moving to next month**

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

**6) Suicide Prevention and Awareness Presentation (Danielle Blechert and Dana) - 30 minutes**

a. If you have questions for Danielle and Dana, email them to:

[president@stemk8pta.org](mailto:president@stemk8pta.org)

b. In case of emergency, can call 911, can call one of the resources below, or can take children to Seattle Children's:

## RESOURCES



- Call the toll-free [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline \(NSPL\)](#) at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Crisis Text Line: Text "HOME" to 741-741
- (24/7 Spanish-Speaking) Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-888-628-9454
- TrevorLifeline (LGBTQ youth) 1-866-488-7386 or Text START to 678678.
- The deaf and hard of hearing can contact the Lifeline via TTY at 1-800-799-4889. All calls are confidential.
- Contact social media outlets directly if you are concerned about a friend's social media updates or dial 911 in an emergency.
- In King County, call 866-427-4747.

**6) Committee Updates - 15 minutes**

a) Treasurer (Trey Sanders) - 3 minutes

Balance is \$264k

b) Fundraising (Mary Ann Lambert) – 3 minutes

- Art Raffle – Hammering Owl Art Extravaganza - May 2-5 (M-TH)

- Book fair at Paper Boat - March 22-27 – go buy a book at Paper Boat books (and eat at Heartbeet!) and a percentage goes to STEM!
  - d) Race and Equity (Hannah and Ellie) - 3 minutes
    - Sold out Black Lives Matter shirts – proceeds will get donated to Black Students Union at STEM
    - Black Lives Matter rally was last Saturday (<https://westseattleblog.com/2022/03/west-seattle-weekend-scene-rallying-for-black-lives-outside-louisa-boren-k-8-stem/>)
      - Made copies at <https://thecopyspot.com/> and they were great! Go support them!
    - Ellie is working with Families of Color Seattle on a workshop
    - STEM race and equity team is working on a curriculum called rebellious reads. Library books and lesson plan for teachers.
  - e) GGLOW (Shawna Murphy) - 3 minutes
    - Reach out to the trans and gay people and kids you know. With all of the horrible laws, it's a hard time
- 8) Open Discussion/New Business (Alicia Every) - 5 minutes
- a) Budget Committee
  - b) Nominating Committee
  - c) Coffee with the PTA