



STEM PTSA General Membership Meeting January 23, 2013, Board Room, LWSD Resource Center

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1. Welcome and Introductions – Elizabeth Hansford

The meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Hansford at 7:03 PM. A quorum was present. Sign-in sheets are attached. The following announcements were made:

- STEM PTSA was awarded the Region Membership Award from Lake Washington PTSA Council. A copy of the document is attached.
- Jane Dulski, the current Co-President of Lake Washington PTSA Council 2.8, was honored with a SAMMI award by the City of Sammamish. A newspaper article from the Sammamish Review dated March 20, 2013 is attached.

2. Minutes – Anja Rettig

The minutes were submitted and reviewed. Amendments: the spelling of the last name “von Scheliha” was corrected under “5. New Business, a) Budget Amendments”. Motion by Byron Shutz to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2012 General Membership Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Natalie Allenspach

The ending balance as of April 14, 2013 is \$12,285.87 with one uncleared check to the amount of \$319.29. The Treasurer’s report is attached. No income was recorded during the month of April so far. The only expenses were \$150 for the State PTA Convention and 319.29 for Community Building. There were no questions from the floor.

5. New Business

a) Mid-year Financial Report Results – Byron Shutz

Byron Shutz, the head of the Financial Review Committee, presented the findings of the mid-year financial review, concluding that the STEM PTSA financial records are in good order. Some procedural changes were suggested by the Committee and have been immediately addressed by the Treasurer, Natalie Allenspach. There were no questions from the floor.

b) Committee Updates

STEM Community Building (CBC) – Christina Ferreira

The CBC is gearing up for Teacher Appreciation week in May. There will be a STEM Night at the Museum of Flight in Seattle on Thursday, May 2, 2013. Christina Ferreira invited the membership to contact her at cbc@stemptsa.org with any suggestions for community building activities for next year.

STEM Community Education – Lisa Oratz

The Community Education committee is in the process of organizing one more speaker event for the current school year. Next year there will be more speaker events and discounted SAT prep courses at the STEM school.

Membership and Awards – Mary von Scheliha

Mary von Scheliha invited all members to pick up their membership cards at the end of the meeting. She also encouraged the STEM community to submit nominations for the Golden Acorn and Outstanding Educator awards, which STEM PTSA will be giving out this year. Nominations can be sent

to awards@stemptsa.org and are due by May 16, 2013. Mary von Scheliha invited anyone interested to join her on the Awards Committee to get in touch with her.

c) **2013-2014 Executive Board Election** – Elizabeth Hansford

The 2012-2013 STEM PTSA Nominating Committee has placed the following names in nomination.

- For Office of President: Jon Clark and Elizabeth Hansford;
- For Office of Vice-President: April MacLennan;
- For Office of Secretary: **OPEN**;
- For Office of Treasurer: Mary Joseph.

After a call for further nominations from the floor, no further nominations were made. Motion by Christina Ferreira to accept the slate of nominations by the STEM PTSA Nominating Committee for the 2013-2014 STEM PTSA Board in whole. Motion carried. The position of Secretary remains open and nominations will be taken from the floor at the next STEM PTSA General Membership meeting.

d) **STEM Guest Speaker** – John Perrin, STEM Advisory Board

The mission of the STEM Advisory Board is to provide all 11th and future 12th graders with STEM-related internship opportunities in the community – at local businesses or at the school. Interns will work for approximately four months on Wednesdays after school starting in September of 2013. Students will be responsible for their own transportation. Currently, about 60 students could be accommodated. At this point the STEM Advisory Committee is reaching out to all members of the STEM community to recommend a business or person who can sponsor an internship and to send leads to john.perrin@glaciterriver.com or to the Principal at cduenas@lwsd.org.

e) **Questions and Answers** – Cindy Duenas

Q: Is it true that AP testing will not be done on location at the STEM school?

A: Yes. STEM will not host any AP testing. Due to strict requirements and protocols that need to be followed during AP testing and to the fact that STEM is still under construction, there will be different testing sites for AP tests. The district will let the school know about transportation to the individual testing sites.

Q: Will the STEM school get a library?

A: Yes, it is in the plans to have library resources.

Q: Will STEM get a study lab like other higher education institutions?

A: Not really. Students are welcome to study with peer tutors at the school during free time, and they have the opportunity to meet teachers during the teachers' posted office hours before and after school, if they need help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Anja Rettig

STEM PTSA Secretary 2012-13