



MSTA Minutes May 6th, 2016



President Thompson started the meeting. Good news shared.

Secretary minutes from April: Laurette made a motion to accept the minutes. Andrea seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasure report: Ann made the motion to accept the report. Shari seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Shari & the DOE:

ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) The Framework came out earlier this year. Possible future speakers:

Picture Perfect is one possibility.

Dr. Janet Zadina – She went from teaching to neuroscience and is a very engaging presenter who highlights research connected to how children learn. Shari has booked her to come in at the end of June (based in Cony). The advertising will go out soon. Dr. Zadina's book is called *Multiple Pathways to the Student Brain*. The MSTA was asked to co-sponsor along with Maine Sprouts, Maine Arts Leadership Initiative and the DOE. Kim motioned that MSTA co-sponsor the event. Luke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynn – MMSA update

Tom Kelly – Many schools have math coaches and Lynn and Tom were thinking about certificates for Science coaches.

If you have students, there is a resource bank for camps:

The URL is <http://steminme.org/resources/>

Officers

Diana will become President in November. The next President-Elect will be voted in at the Spring of 2017 conference. Jonathan will continue as Treasurer and Maria will remain Secretary.

NSTA Congress (Denver, July): Previously, we decided that the President or President-Elect would attend on our behalf each year. Ann made a motion to allocate \$2,000.00 for a board member to attend the conference. Luke seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

STEM Grants: Gus is going to be the co-chair of the STEM Summit. He mentioned something about putting together grants. We need more information before we proceed. Shari made a motion that we suspend any new STEM grants until we have the old one sorted out and none be awarded before November. Lynn seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Summer Retreat Date: August 11th - Laurette's house

Pamela's letter was published. This was the letter she wrote in response to the news article (shared last month with all of us). The letter will be posted on our website and linked to the NSTA position statement.

STEM Provider meeting: Pamela and Sarah attended. How does MSTA fit? Can MSTA get involved with getting information about PD opportunities for teachers?

Doug – NSTA update

- Doug We are preparing for Congress. There is a chapter portal. NSTA would like all the organizations to share information (by-laws, constitutions, etc.) Our annual status with the state is coming up. Shari made a motion that we pay the \$85 fee we owe. Luke seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

MSTA Conference

We need to contact members and let them know there will be no conference. Lynn will take the lead on this.

MPBN Webinar: Gus talked about his expeditionary learning. Diana shared how she applied the NGSS to her aquaponics. Ann went through the process of how Biddeford went through the process of adopting the NGSS. The next date is May 25th and will the focus will be on high school.

Here is the article: Testing Alone Won't Make Good Readers

<http://edexcellence.net/articles/testing-alone-won't-make-good-readers>

Meeting Adjourned 1:00 PM

Attendees: Pamela Thompson, Andrea Freed, Laurette Darling, Lynn Farrin, Kim Scantlebury, Lucas Benner, Sarah Sparks, Shari Templeton, Ann Putney, Doug Hodum, Maria Palopoli

Minutes submitted by Maria Palopoli (with input and assistance from Jen Cartier!)