

AB PIP STEM

Planning for Upcoming Year & Third Re-Visioning Meeting - Minutes

August 15, 2011, 7 p.m.

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

Attendees: Christine Fox, Paulien Hendrix, Karen Herther, Gary Kappel, Wi-Cher Lim, John Petersen, Michele Soltysik

1. Updated Existing Events

John took us through the previous year's PIP STEM activities and updated dates or ballpark timeframes (with specific dates to be determined) for this year. In addition to modifying dates, we discussed the following items specifically.

September – May meetings:

In the past, meetings were held once a month on Friday mornings. For the upcoming year, we discussed continuing to meet once a month but alternate the days: Friday mornings during the odd months and Monday evenings during the even months. Possible meeting locations could be the Acton Library on the Friday meetings and the High School for Monday meetings. It was discussed that this new schedule might better accommodate the schedules of volunteers.

To kick-off the school year, we will have two meetings in September: one on Friday, September 23rd and the other on Monday, September 26th.

October: still publicize teen driver training

November: Discover STEM Fest-Gary is working on this and an email with go out soon about looking for volunteers to help.

January: Game Night (date TBD)

February: Market Math (date TBD)

March: Star Party (date TBD)

March: Skating (date TBD)

2. Added New Events to this Year's Calendar

September: Have PIP STEM representatives at the Open Houses at each of the schools to hand out brochures and update parents with upcoming events, specifically the new volunteer meeting in October (see below). We will need to ensure we have enough reps at the schools.

October: New volunteer meeting where we will inform new volunteers about opportunities and hopefully fill some roles. We hope to see those who expressed an interest at the Open Houses or bring a neighbor/friend who you know is interested.

January: Perhaps add a Lego Challenge activity to Game night

May: Although it is not a new event, add "PIP Scholarships" to the brochure

Discussion of next steps

Gary will send Christine an email to send out (to PIP STEM email list) about Discover STEM.

John will work on getting the brochure completed by September 1st.

John will also get a list of PTO chairs and meetings at all the schools. We are hoping school reps will be able to attend PTO meetings and also submit information to school newsletters about upcoming PIP STEM events.

Next Meeting

Friday, September 23, 2011

9 am

Acton Memorial Library, Conference Room (will follow up with room number)

Monday, September 26, 2011

7 pm

ABRHS, Conference Room (will follow up with room number)