

AGENDA - Annual General Meeting - March 29, 2007

(Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto - Room 1250 / Elm Wing)

1. introductions
2. approval of minutes from last meeting
3. Position Papers: Literacy Through Science and Technology, and Nature of Science now posted on both STAO and SCCAO websites
4. SCCAO position on “An Inconvenient Truth” and other videos for school use (ie. “Who Killed the Electric Car?”, etc.)
5. Data Harvest demo (Snap Circuits and EasySense Q5 datalogger)
6. Video conferencing demo - David Nash (Polycom)
7. **TIMED ITEM - 11:00**: Dr. Stephen Scherer, Director of Centre for Applied Genomics, Sick Kids - update on latest genomics research (approx. ½ hour)
8. **TIMED ITEM 1:30** - Dr. Stephen Scherer and tour of lab facilities
9. STAO: new position papers (intelligent design/creationism, elementary S&T timelines for instruction, dissection, use of live animals, another safety topic); SCCAO involvement
10. evolution background update: Genes uncover dairy farming origins
11. OTF Curriculum forum: Knowledge Ontario (www.knowledgeontario.ca) and Adolescence, Engagement and Critical Thinking, Garfield Gini-Newman, OISE/U of T, (www.beens.org/otf/)
12. international comparisons (Shawna)
13. OSAPAC (Martin)
14. Election for executive - positions open:
vice-chair, curriculum, communications, membership, SCCAO rep to STAO
15. conference update - financial commitment necessary for conference planning to go ahead - regular meeting + SNO or mine tour, speaker/climate change presentation, IMAX film, forensics laboratories at Laurentian, etc.
16. curriculum update April 23/24
17. joint SCCAO/STAO letter to ministry on priorities, needs, and suggestions for curriculum implementation - suggestions for list (ie. Textbooks, release time, etc.)
18. combined grades - subcommittee to produce preliminary report for conference
19. Special Projects:
 - Toronto DSB: AQ courses
 - Durham DSB: SciTech lecture series
20. **TIMED ITEM 12:45** - John Menard / tour of Sick Kids Hospital
21. Upcoming meetings: ***June 7, 8 - conference, Laurentian, Sudbury***
22. How do school boards support attendance at STAO conference?
23. other