



QCESC /Putnam Partnership Meeting Minutes

- 1) Meeting Date: July 29, 2008
- 2) Time/Venue: 3: 30 PM/Putnam Museum
- 3) Attendees: Pat Barnes, Scott Bullock, Paul Greve, Chris Hebel, Tom Richmond, and Kim Findlay, Putnam Museum
- 4) Discussion: Pat Barnes provided meeting agenda and a recap of 2007-2008 QCESC events. The primary focus of the meeting was to consider the potential for QCESC and Putnam Museum partnering over the next year or so. Kim Findlay presented the following potential Putnam opportunities.
  - a) Climate Change (late January -late April 2009). Needs an adult science based flavor and consideration of all sides of the issue. Notes: :
    - i) Targeted towards schools
    - ii) 3,000 Sq. Ft.
    - iii) Would like to host science based panel for adults/college age with differing views
  - b) Science of Ghost Hunting (early December 2008 thru early January 2009). An effort to utilize electronic, visual, sound, thermal technology to investigate/analyze ghost sightings.
  - c) Predators (October 2008 thru January 2009).
  - d) Smart Home (eco-house). Putnam is seriously considering building a green, eco-friendly family home built on the property (near the employee parking area off Division Street) and eventually selling it. Related – considering 3 day building green symposium for regional builders. Have looked at Smart Home exhibit running through 4 January 2009 at Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.
  - e) Microbes - Invisible Invaders.
  - f) GPS Adventure.
  - g) Workshops (bridge building, parachute and catapult construction, and invention convention).
  - h) Discovery Room (restructuring and expansion) and scheduled to open in Fall 2009.



- 5) 2009 QCESC Banquet. Pat Barnes informed attendees that the Henry Farnam dinner will be held at the Radisson (Davenport) in late February 2009. There is some speculation that the QCESC and Henry Farnam group could combine for this event. A representative of the Henry Farnam group will attend the August meeting of the QCESC (August 20) to explore the matter.
- 6) Next meeting. The QCESC will next meet on August 20 at a location to be determined.
- 7) Nebulous Notes. The QCESC is in serious need of volunteers to serve as POCs/links to the various youth groups which we currently support (Invention Convention, Putnam workshops, U. of Illinois Extension Service, Project Lead the Way, Scott Community College's Rocket Car Competition, St. Ambrose University's CO2 Dragster Competition and Girls' Night Out, Rivermont Academic Invitational, and various area school events). It was suggested that Council board members attend meetings of active member societies to solicit volunteers. One of the primary objectives/missions of the QCESC is to encourage and foster interest in science and engineering careers in the area. The groups cited above offer golden opportunities to the Council. Shame on us if we drop the ball. The issue will be further explored at the August meeting.