

PTA Meeting 10/7/16 - Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00a

In attendance: Julie Livers (President), Kris Lipson (Vice President), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Augusta Comey (Volunteer Coordinator), Dawn Ann Bullough, Jen Levy, Valerie Stormont, Lori Mercer, Gina Roper, Holly Clark, Kate Nance, Deborah Candler, Rosanne Greenway, Meghan Looper, Nora Ericson, Karalee Hemingway, Brian Bevan

1. Welcome by Julie Livers, President

Introductions of attendees
Approval of 9/9/16 minutes

2. Announcements:

3. School Reports:

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

i. Dawn Ann will contact UPS regarding cool math facts pasted to stairs since PTA and faculty are interested in pursuing.

ii. Movies shown in classrooms are in copyright violation unless the movies are "checked out" through the Salt Lake City School District (SLCSD or "the District"), or our school purchases a blanket license. One such blanket license vendor is *Movies Unlimited*, and the cost is \$469 annually. Will the PTA fund? Discussion but no vote. Questions raised regarding how often teachers may be showing movies, whether the District should pay for this, and that District movie choices are outdated.

iii. Headphones - Julie Livers has not heard from Skullcandy; she will attempt contact once more, and move on, otherwise.

b. Principal's Report - Deb Candler

i. Provided update re: new volunteer policy that requires reference and background checks via SLCSD; the cost has dropped from \$55 to \$38/volunteer.

ii. SLCSD was audited regarding independent contractors, e.g. paraprofessional staff

iii. Handicapped parking space being utilized by Wasatch family

iv. Wasatch received a bronze medal and a \$500 cash prize from Gold Medal Schools; Ms. Candler has suggested creating indoor recess kits with the award.

v. Arts update:

-\$2500 grant received - sculpture created by Ben Behunin, former Wasatch parent, and Ms. Candler had cement base installed on south side of school. Sculpture will showcase Wasatch focus on the arts and emphasize our school's presence on South Temple St.

-\$1000 grant received to repaint the mural in the big playground! Older Wasatch students will be involved in the artistic vision and creation.

vi. Meredith Peterson, Wasatch parent/TreeUtah would like to donate three trees to Wasatch. Val Stormont suggested students could do a reciprocal service project.

vii. Ms. Candler provided a restorative justice-based training program for faculty and student assembly.

c. SCC report - Julie Livers

i. New members elected in September; Tracie Sexton elected Chair; Steve Fuhrman elected Vice Chair

ii. Girl Scouts completed emergency backpack supply updates

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

Distributed current balance sheet (attached)

e. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Augusta Comey

i. Halloween carnival - readjusting activities since not enough volunteer interest to create or staff haunted house

ii. Discussion followed regarding soliciting volunteers via direct and personal emails or via an online service. Rachel Preslar, former and long-time volunteer coordinator, noted the convenience of online services, but also the drop-off in number of interested volunteers.

iii. Augusta will write an article for the November newsletter that informs the community about volunteer opportunities, and ways to be in touch with her and our events.

Discussion items

1. Bake Sale - Julie Livers

a. Discussion ensued about best time of year to hold one considering our events, and volunteer pressure, or whether it's appropriate to hold one at all when PTA was a proponent of reducing sugar at school; discussion postponed until November meeting

2. Fall Fund-raising update - Val Stormont

a. At the end of the second of three weeks of the fund-raiser, \$28382 raised from 273 contributors, i.e. roughly 60% of Wasatch families have participated; adjusting goal to \$35000 since we eventually need \$56000 to fund arts programs for the year

b. Focus for remaining fundraiser time is to *increase participation*; dollar day for students on Thursday 10/13/16

c. Final short assembly on 10/14/16 to acknowledge last day of fundraiser; kids will do the school dance and wear Wasatch t-shirts; RallyMe will use footage from assembly to produce a thank-you video to donors

d. Lifetouch is donating a banner to thank our community, and classrooms are considering thank you activities for donors

e. Dance party for the whole school on 11/22/16

3. Scholastic Book Fair

10/18 set up before UEA break

10/27 take-down between 7-8p before Halloween carnival 10/28

4. Jen Levy, Art activities

a. Art cards will be completed in a few weeks; still awaiting whether LDS Hospital will be able to assist with printing, thus reducing our costs

b. Arts Showcase planning deep in organizational and information-gathering phase

5. Directory

Contact Caryn & Ruma to volunteer with publication;

6. PTA District Meeting Report <date>- Julie Livers, Kris Lipson

a. Other District PTA fundraiser reports indicate Wasatch is well on our way to success; we are reminded to seek and apply for grants available to PTAs

b. Buddy Bench discussion - our PTA supports funding; Buddy Bench spurred discussion of other related friendship and inclusion practices such as Peace path, a District-adopted program that trains older students in conflict mediation and resolution

c. Fall 2017 start times under discussion for high school students which thus affects all student start times due to bussing.

Next meeting November 4, 2016; Brian Bevan & Meghan Looper on snack

Meeting adjourned at 1250p