

PTA Meeting 11/4/16 - Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00a

In attendance: Kris Lipson (Vice President), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Augusta Comey (Volunteer Coordinator), Dawn Ann Bullough, Jen Levy, Jenn Hein, Meghan Castleton, Valerie Stormont, Gina Roper, Holly Clark, Deborah Candler, Rosann Greenway, Meghan Looper, Stephanie Quintero, Tracie Sexton

1. Welcome by Kris Livers, Vice President (Julie Livers out of town)

Introductions of attendees

Approval? with amendments of 10/7/16 minutes:

Addition of PTA District Meeting date 10/4/16

Cory Pike assigned to follow up with Wasatch directory progress between Caryn Willardsen and Ruma Srivastana

2. Announcements:

Deb Candler thanked the community for a successful fundraiser and helpful service hours during parent-teacher conferences

Dawn Ann Bullough acknowledged student Ellie Zanger as one of 2 state winners of the bookmark contest sponsored by the Utah Education State Plan

Jen Levy is holding an Arts Showcase organizational meeting on 11/18/16 in the conference room at 1130a

3. School Reports:

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

i. Faculty thanked the PTA for providing dinners during parent-teacher conferences; (Augusta Comey noted how easy it was to fill volunteer spots for this volunteer opportunity)

ii. Scholastic Book Fair report: Wasatch earned \$4723.43 to spend with Scholastic; (detailed money earned attached); Dawn Ann has scheduled [The Story Cupboard](#) book fair (local vendor) for both Spring 17 and Fall 17; Scholastic will be the book fair vendor in Spring 18; Dawn Ann was not satisfied with the selection of items Scholastic provided this Fall; Gina Roper suggested feedback related to making it easier for customers to know what items to purchase for classrooms and teachers

b. Principal's Report - Deb Candler

i. Child abuse prevention presentation by [Prevent Child Abuse Utah](#) scheduled for 12/7/16 and 12/8/16; parents will have the chance to preview the curriculum;

ii. Netsmart assembly 11/4/16; see <http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>

iii. Dawn Ann and Deborah decided to plan a brown bag lunch series for fun and to expose kids to music without additional assembly or out-of-classroom time; Julie Livers and Deborah planning an opera lunch including Italian food, Wasatch parent, and University of Utah School of Music connections

iv. Buddy Benches arrived in-house; once they're installed, Deb will visit the classrooms to introduce kids to the concept

- v. Parent education nights scheduled:
 - 1. January 18, 2017 - Language Arts
 - 2. February 15, 2017 - Math
 - 3. March date and topic event to be set shortly

c. SCC (School Community Council) report - Tracie Sexton

- i. 12/15/16 Council meeting will include training by *Prevent Child Abuse Utah*
- ii. 10/13/16 meeting agenda included review and discussion of digital safety/safe technology
- iii. Tracie Sexton encouraged PTA members to vote on 11/8/16, and to pay attention to Amendment B

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

- i. Distributed current balance sheet
- ii. Funding decisions:
 - a. PTA voted (motion by Rachel Preslar, seconded by Dawn Ann Bullough all but one in favor) to fund a license from *Movie Licensing USA* <http://k12.movlic.com/license> so Wasatch would be in copyright compliance when teachers show movies in class; Dawn Ann Bullough will determine cost and terms;
 - b. PTA did not vote to fund an additional iPad, approximately \$600 for Mr. Colman until further research is completed related to existing faculty iPads and whether all teachers are utilizing them; Deb Candler will investigate.
- iii. Rachel will publish an article that describes how PTA has spent donations thus far for the December school newsletter

e. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Augusta Comey

- i. We use [Signup Genius](#) to organize volunteers; signup.com (formerly volunteerspot.com) has limitations; Rachel Preslar will discontinue our \$99/annual fee for signup.com
- ii. Deb Candler reported that Salt Lake City School District installed two kiosk computers in the Main Office for volunteers to use to check in, print badges, and check out; hours reporting capabilities possible; Augusta will alert parents about the new process
- iii. Picture retake day is 11/10; Stephanie Quintero and Rosann Greenway volunteered to assist
- iv. Augusta will send a call-out for fundraising school dance party on 11/22/16

Agenda (discussion) items

1. S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods- Jenn Hein

a. Jenn Hein, Wasatch parent, is looking for momentum to create the connection between the [Salt Lake City S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods](#) program and the Salt Lake City School District so the community can actually use Wasatch Elementary in case of a disaster, as mandated;

b. Jenn Hein and Tracie Sexton, Chair, SCC will discuss this further, including a future presentation at SCC and subsequent development of an SCC task force; Jim Levy, SCC member is very interested in preparedness and has gone through the CERT Program and is likely an advocate and willing volunteer.

2. Bake Sale - August Comey

a. Considering bake sales encourage community building and are an occasional and awesome treat, we will, in fact hold one over Spring parent-teacher conferences; the sale will occur right after school (not before), and during the afternoon conference times on 2/22/17 and 2/23/17, 1230p - 5p.

3. Fall Fund-raiser - Val Stormont

a. Final tally after income - (minor) expenses = \$35611.28; Val (and the PTA) consider this approach and campaign wildly \$uccessful

b. 2nd and 3rd grade were so close on the participation numbers that Val called it a tie; those grades and the fourth grade, the total money amount winners, will enjoy a pizza party and [DrumBus](#), date TBD

c. Feedback provided regarding possible changes for next year including changing goal amounts and language related to how donors should donate; Val will have a final recap meeting, date TBD, to organize and debrief once she confers with Lori Mercer

4. Halloween Carnival recap - Holly Clark

a. Review of Halloween carnival ("best night of my life" according to Charlie Stormont) including ideas for next year's new Chair, Vaugh Bullough who shadowed Holly; addition of third scary stories room to handle crowds, and incorporating the new menu choices and food ticketing changes

5. Art activities - Julie Lewis

a. Art cards order forms to be distributed 11/7/16, and cards to be delivered before Thanksgiving; Salt Lake Community College to do the printing; LDS Hospital (LDSH) to donate envelopes

b. LDSH is a strong community supporter of Wasatch and our arts program; Wasatch kids will provide uplifting art cards for meal trays over the holidays at LDSH; school field trip to LDSH to see Wasatch art displayed

c. Is Brooke Scott available to photograph the gallery of artwork Wasatch has provided to LDSH?

d. Is there potential for a partnership between LDSH and Wasatch to reproduce kids' artwork and print it on huge banners to cover our school brick walls to showcase the art and bring awareness to South Temple St community that we are, in fact, a school?

6. Directory

Caryn Willardsen, former Directory publisher and current 4th grade teacher, & Ruma Srivastana, Wasatch parent met 11/3/16 to transfer information; Cory Pike and Ruma are in contact as of 11/7/16 about what information Ruma needs, and the schedule for printing.

7. Small Business Friday - Jen Levy

a. Discussion of a Small Business Friday event potentially to be held 12/9/16 at Wasatch with holiday tie-in

- i. vendors need to be licensed; vendors to bring product, not merely advertising; are there enough vendors to enforce Wasatch family members only?
- ii. kid art and community hobby artists have opportunity to sell at Arts Showcase Community Gallery in May, as opposed to Small Business Friday
- iii. benefits include support for the current Salt Lake City School District focus on elementary schools' community engagement versus a building for benefit of only elementary-aged kids; 10% minimum of profits to Wasatch;

b. Jen Levy will survey the community to ensure sufficient interest and let PTA know the outcome



Next meeting December 2, 2016; Rachel Preslar & Rosann Greenway on snack

Meeting adjourned at 1250p