

PTA Meeting 12/2/16 - Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00a

In attendance: Julie Livers (President) Kris Lipson (Vice President/Chair-Elect), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Augusta Comey (Volunteer Coordinator), Dawn Ann Bullough, Jen Levy, Suzanne Attix, Valerie Stormont, Gina Roper, Holly Clark, Deborah Candler, Rosann Greenway, Meghan Looper, Stephanie Quintero, Tracie Sexton

1. Welcome by Julie Livers

Approval of draft minutes with amendments from 11/4/16 meeting; Deborah Candler will post final versions of minutes on school web site once they're approved:
<http://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>

2. Announcements:

- a. Acknowledgement of successful fall town meetings and 6th grade Veteran's Day program
- b. Opera lunch planning meeting on 1/18 at 830a at Cucina; this event is a *surprise* for the kids!
- c. Brown bag music lunch report and discussion related to options for kids who may be over-stimulated by the noise or change of routine

3. School Reports:

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

- i. Thank you to Skullcandy who provided headphones; Dawn Ann Bullough and students are considering creative ways to thank the company

b. Principal's Report - Deborah 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. Mental health training for staff; reframing the ways teachers and staff consider childhood misbehavior; Deborah is creating "calm boxes" with sensory tools to be distributed to teachers; Gina Roper will meet with Deborah to discuss strategies and appropriate options for kids and teachers
- iii. Buddy Benches in process of being installed
- iv. Kris Lipson inquired whether Wasatch had been the target of any heightened violence, fear or group targeting following the election; Deborah said no and reiterated our policies of tolerance and kindness; Deborah also reminded the community to report bullying episodes as soon as possible for optimal and sensitive handling

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

- i. 12/15/16 Council meeting agenda includes training by *Prevent Child Abuse Utah*

ii. 11/17/16 meeting agenda included presentation and discussion by Jenn Hein on behalf of [S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods](#);

iii. James Yapias, Bryant Principal gave a progress report and encouraged Wasatch to use Bryant's facility e.g. the auditorium for Penny Caywood's spring school musical;

a. PTA group discussion ensued re: the timing and content of Bryant's and other school open houses; the best way to persuade Wasatch students to attend Bryant including the suggestion that Wasatch alumni come to speak to current Wasatch students earlier in the school year; creation of ELP programs at Bryant;

b. Tracie Sexton will contact Mr. Yapias about holding a community roundtable - not a status report or lecture - in January 2017, and again, ideally in October of 2017 to discuss community ideas and concerns.

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

i. Distributed current balance sheet

ii. Funding proposals and votes:

a. Rachel Preslar and Dawn Ann Bullough motioned to fund an iPad for Mr. Colman; all in favor; Deborah Candler will handle the details

b. Rachel Preslar and Julie Livers motioned to fund calming/soothing toys/materials for 1st grade classrooms for \$170

c. Rachel reports that a 5-year license from *Movie Licensing USA* will cost \$1800;

e. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Augusta Comey

i. Augusta reminds volunteers to check in and sign at front office; Deborah Candler will post print reminders on the front doors

f. Arts report - Jen Levy

a. Art Cards - we thank LDS Hospital for the donation of high-quality envelopes, thus increasing our profits

b. Arts Showcase kick-off meeting was held on 11/18/16; theme in main hallway is portraiture; Committee has decided to retire gift baskets; Jen Bergman and fund-raising committee brainstorming fund-raising ideas like creating levels of sponsorship; retiring the "Top100-list", a donor list that is out of date with our current volunteer staff knowledge and our community; Melissa Hall in charge of PR; plans use of South Temple to advertise; next Showcase meeting 1/20/17;

d. Fine Arts Committee will take responsibility for the indoor marquis (!)

g. Directory report - Cory Pike

a. Draft is nearly ready for printer, and Cindy Mills's review to ensure privacy and accuracy; time-consuming project that needs to be reinvented; Holly will consider taking directory responsibilities over next academic year, and suggests we can begin after summer registration, and simply add content shortly after the school year begins

h. Bulletin Board Update/Schedule- Stephanie Quintero

a. January display will feature information about Wasatch's first parent education night

Agenda (discussion) items

1. Parent information night

a. Deborah Candler will provide more information re: math/language arts night; currently planning K-3 in auditorium, and 4-6 downstairs; focus will most likely be providing information, as opposed to an interactive opportunity

b. Suggestion to provide childcare; Deborah will contact the Afterschool group leaders

2. Small Business Friday - Jen Levy

a. It's a go! First time event will feature small number of vendors; we hope to start a new holiday tradition that benefits business owners, our community and Wasatch

3. Fall Fund-raiser - Val Stormont

a. Pizza party and DrumBus for 4th grade tentatively scheduled for either 12/12/16 or 12/13/16

4. Bake Sale - August Comey

a. Will be both days of parent-teacher conferences, 2/22/17 and 2/23/17, specific times to be determined, but will not include before-school time



Next meeting January 1/13/17; Val Stormont and Jen Levy on snack

History in the making: meeting adjourned at 1240p, and PTA members enjoyed a minute to actually eat the snacks