

PTA Meeting 2/3/17 - Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00a

In attendance: Julie Livers (President) Kris Lipson (Vice President/Chair-Elect), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Dawn Ann Bullough, Jen Levy, Suzanne Attix, Gina Roper, Holly Clark, Deborah Candler, Stephanie Quintero, Brooke Scott, Rosann Greenway, Cynthia Bestvina, Val Stormont, Augusta Comey, Lori Mercer, Julie Lewis

1. Welcome by Kris Lipson & Introductions

Approval of draft minutes with amendments from 1/13/17 meeting with changes; 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. After School Coding Club flyer will appear in 2/6/17 Star Folder; sign-up is first come, first serve

b. Language Arts Night scheduled for 2/15/17 from 630-730p

3. School Reports:

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

i. Creative, kid-produced thank you for Little Ceasar's for pizza donation nearly complete

ii. It's School Improvement Plan (SIP) season

iii. Parent-teacher conferences and Book Fair scheduled during week of February 21

iv. National Library Week is 4/6/17, the week before spring break; Dawn Ann has different daily activities including a reading from Wasatch parent-authors

v. Jim Levy suggested the marquis committee purchase a TV! Kid art would frame the TV, and various grade levels would be responsible to promote activities

b. Principal's Report - Deborah Candler

i. About 50 families attended Math Parent Education Night 1/18/17; positive feedback with acknowledgement that adjustments will occur as we fine-tune the evenings; Beth Tanner, parent and Kindergarten teacher suggested one idea for future would be to create homework-help internet videos for parents to consult at home

ii. Air Quality & Recess - yellow - go outside unless ill/asthma; orange & red - stay inside; Deborah uses <http://www.health.utah.gov/asthma/airquality/recess.html> to determine PM2.5 levels; Julie Livers suggested we research an air quality monitor for

purchase. Questions from the group: Is monitor robust? low-maintenance? accurate? different than what's already available from the state or federal agencies? for indoor or outdoor use?

iii. Professional development - faculty to attend a mental-illness-focused professional development session and training after school on 2/3/17

iv. Next Brown Bag lunch event is 2/6/17 by Alex Rowe

v. Kindergarten nights during 2017/18 will include a morning and evening session to accommodate as many families as possible

c. SCC (School Community Council) report - Stephanie Quintero

i. 2/9/17 meeting agenda includes emergency preparedness planning; LDSH is sponsoring preparedness fair on 2/25/17 and will need staffing for booth; 3-6th grade is participating in [Pillowcase Project](#), a Red Cross program that provides kids with pillow cases to fill with emergency supplies

ii. SIP season! Because Utah School Funds Modification Amendment (Amendment B) was approved, schools may receive an increase in Land Trust money for 2017/18.

iii. Bryant will hold an in-Wasatch information session on 2/14/17 for 6th graders; sixth graders have already attended a tour which was well-received, and kid-focused

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

i. Distributed current balance sheet

ii. Funding proposals and votes:

a. Dawn Ann Bullough - \$80 to attend UT Educational Library Media Association [UELMA](#); **approved**

b. Penny Caywood - \$2500-\$3000 addition to already-budgeted \$3000 for school musical due to doubling of interested students who attended try-outs; Penny doesn't wish to turn anyone away; **approved**

Announcement re: Springville Museum of Art will hold workshops for both students and teachers, and a professional development session for teachers on 2/16/17

c. Kathy Travers - \$100 for vinyl banner for her Town Meeting; **approved**

Discussion: Kris Lipson asked if PTA can fund and offer disposable masks for crossing guards during bad air days in the interest of public health for our community; **approved**

e. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Augusta Comey

i. Gus reported on [JustServe](#) a community volunteer organization that offers volunteers when organizations need them; may be useful for our events, versus classroom volunteers;

ii. Wasatch 1st grade teachers need adults to read with children, and Deborah will report back to Augusta with specific needs

iii. Dawn Ann requested one volunteer to help with pull-down of StoryBoard Book Fair on 2/24/17; Cynthia Bestvina offered right on the spot.

f. Arts report- Julie Lewis

a. Submitted UT PTA grant application *Architecture of the Avenues* for 4th grade

b. March 9 is Family Art Night! Classes will create star designs and the Fine Arts Committee will choose three to turn into screens for printing evergreen T-shirts

c. Arts Showcase meeting held 1/20/17; Development and Public Relations remain a focus; PTA members & Arts Showcase members should consider their own community contacts to approach first; Cynthia Bestvina will follow up with local businesses we have already approached.

d. Big playground mural planning in process; Ellie Hughes, our PE specialist, has a street art contact

g. Bulletin Board Update/Schedule- Stephanie Quintero

a. Rosann will advertise Teacher Appreciation week 3/20/17 during 2nd half of March; PTA will meet 3/10 and 3/31, so Stephanie will note that on bulletin board, too.

Agenda (discussion) items

1. PTA Bylaws : Dawn Ann Bullough motioned and Julie Lewis seconded that we adopt the bylaws : **approved**

3. Fall Fund-raiser - Val Stormont will hold meeting on 2/13/17 at 7p at her home

4. Opera update - Julie Livers

Wasatch parents will handle actual musical portion of opera; Deborah is evaluating options for food options since we still must follow federal guidelines during lunchtime; students will think a "special manners" lunch is occurring on the actual day :)

5. Bake sale- Brooke Scott & Augusta Comey

To be held both days of conferences, 2/22 and 2/23 from 1p - 6p. (Note adjusted time.) ; Brooke and Augusta will handle a small amount of commercial donations, and solicit Wasatch bakers.

6. Subs for specialists - Julie Livers

When Arts Specialists are ill, we don't have coverage and students go without instruction; group suggested Deborah and SIC Chair consult with specialists to have them arrange for their own coverage;

7. Screenagers - Growing up in the digital age - Julie Livers

Julie will investigate the cost and feasibility of screening [this movie](#) for our community;



Next meeting 3/10/2017; snack provided by Gina Roper and Julie Livers