

PTA Meeting 3/31/17 - Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00a

In attendance: Julie Livers (President) Kris Lipson (Vice President/Chair-Elect), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Tracie Sexton, Dawn Ann Bullough, Jen Levy, Meredith Peterson, Gina Roper, Holly Clark, Deborah Candler, Stephanie Quintero, Brooke Scott, Nora Ericson, Rosann Greenway, Cynthia Bestvina, Val Stormont, Augusta Comey, Meghan Looper, Julie Lewis

### 1. Welcome by Kris Lipson & Introductions

Approval of draft minutes with amendments from both 2/3/17 and 3/6/17 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-associationptsa>

### 2. Announcements:

a. Thank you to all who contributed their time to make the opera lunch a raging success; Dawn Ann Bullough will coordinate with Julie Lewis to create thank yous for Steve Fuhrman, and his company Sampleminded, Kelly Orton and Jason McAdams; Adam Bullough is editing footage and clips of the event

### 3. School Reports:

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

i. Acknowledgement of Rosann Greenway and volunteers for Teacher Appreciation Week

ii. National Library Week is 4/3/17 - 4/7/17; Dawn Ann has programmed different daily activities including a reading from Gita Varadarajan and Nora Ericson, PTA member and Wasatch parent-author!

b. Principal's Report - Deborah Candler

i. Ivy Girls Mean-Girl makeover tour occurred

ii. Next Brown bag lunch series 4/3/17 by the Shumways

iii. School musical is 4/6 and 4/7 at Bryant; whole school will walk to Bryant on Friday morning to see the performance.

iv. 4/19 is TreeUtah event; KSL will attend as students plant trees; Dawn Ann will publicize this on Wasatch web site, Facebook and include acknowledgement of TreeUtah ; Meredith Peterson will write a Wasatch newsletter blurb

v. Artist-in-residence Pepijn de Jonge from Holland for 3 days at Wasatch; worked with Ms. Wiscomb's class; we love the idea of artists-in-residence at our school;

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Deborah Candler's goal (plan? dream?) is to have 19 artists - one for each classroom - for 17/18

vi. Jo Lloyd is retiring this spring; faculty will acknowledge her; Deborah Candler has conducted interviews for the 17/18 half-day K teacher since Ken Coleman is moving to 2nd grade; Deborah noted the high quality caliber of the interviewees since it's early in the year; c. SCC (School Community Council) report - Tracie Sexton

Tracie Sexton reported on 2 SCC meetings since an emergency one was held due to voting requirements.

i. SIP components: 1) raise proficiency and close achievement gap between lowincome and non-low income students; 2) school culture and 3) whole school academic achievement

ii. S.A.F.E Neighborhoods presentation; John Flynn from bereadyslc.gov will attend April SCC meeting

iii. Tracie and Deborah Candler attended a meeting about transportation needs; standardization of start / end times for school would help system be more efficient, and retain drivers, an on-going problem that is expensive and creates staffing inconsistency

iv. Katherine Kennedy - Salt Lake City School District Board passed resolution to protect undocumented students on 3/22/17

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar i. Distributed current balance sheet

ii. Funding proposals and votes: none

iii. Yearbooks discussion - shall we raise price to cover costs? Yes, we agreed that in 17/18, yearbooks cost \$12 until May 1, and thereafter, \$15

iv. Rachel asked that we begin to draft 17/18 budget and the group reviewed line items to increase field trip funds, increase Fine Arts specialists' support, reduce Poetry & Prose funding, Early Reading program and Read-a-thon; draft will be published on 5/5/17

e. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Augusta Comey

i. Gus asked for Arts Showcase help via JustServe a community volunteer organization that offers volunteers when organizations need them; Gus hasn't seen much interest yet - perhaps as the date draws closer.

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f. Arts report- Jen Levy

i. Vinyl banners designed by Ruma Srivastava are finished; Jen brought one for us to see.

ii. After discussion related to challenges of fund-raising and corporate support for Showcase, we suggested that the PTA could benefit from a Development Coordinator to set policies and plans for the year as opposed to merely event-by-event activities. Val Stormont was nominated to be that person, she accepted and the group was overwhelmingly in favor of this.

g. Bulletin Board Update/Schedule- Stephanie Quintero

Agenda (discussion) items

1. Parent mentoring- Gina Roper

Gina led a brainstorming session for ideas to help families new to Wasatch, or families in economic need or families who are absent from school due to work or other obligations.

2. Tree Utah - Meredith Peterson - discussed earlier in minutes

3. Fall Fund-raiser

Val Stormont held a wrap-up meeting with the committee; dates for the Fall 2017 fundraiser will be 9/22 - 10/13/17.

4. Screenagers - Growing up in the digital age - Brooke Scott

Brooke will keep this on our list and investigate the possibility of hosting a showing with Bryant in the fall; she recommends we see it!

5. Shopping bags - Julie Livers

Julie presented option for PTA to sell evergreen Chico bags printed with the school colors for a reasonable price (\$6.25); they fit our value of sustainability and could promote school spirit, too. Group agreed; bags will be in-house for fall.

Next meeting 5/5/17; snack provided by Kris Lipson (savory) and Gus Comey (sweet)