

PTA Meeting 5/5/17 - Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

In attendance: Julie Livers (President), Christine Lipson (Vice President/Chair-Elect), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Stephanie Quintero (acting as Secretary for Cory Pike), Deborah Candler (Principal), Meghan Looper, Valerie Stormont, Augusta Comey, Nora Ericson, Jennifer Levy, Dawn Ann Bullough, Tracie Sexton, Penny Caywood, Brian Bevan, Julie Lewis

1. Welcome by Julie Livers

Approval of draft minutes with amendments from 3/30/2017, motion to approve by Rachel, Julie seconded, all in favor. 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. Thank you to Julie Livers for your service as President and dedication to the PTA!
- b. Thank you to Tree Utah and Meredith Peterson for the new trees donated and planted on the playgrounds.
- c. Thank you to Penny Caywood for her work and success with the school musical.
- d. Christine Lipson announced that there is a PTA Leadership Conference June 8-9 at Murray High School. Today (5/5/17) is the final day for registration, fee \$45.

3. School Reports:

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

- i. Dawn Ann will remind faculty of the standing PTA meeting days and times to try to cut down on scheduling conflicts in the future.
- ii. The television has been installed in the foyer outside of the office and will be used as a marquee to help advertise and announce upcoming events. The Art Committee has been discussing ideas for an artistic frame inspired by the arts theme at Wasatch.
- iii. Spaghetti and meatball themed thank you cards have been printed and will be sent out to thank those who helped with the Opera Luncheon.

b. Principal's Report - Deborah Candler

- i. SIP process complete.

- ii. The Science Room has new furniture.
- iii. The district will be providing 38 standing desks to Wasatch.
- iv. Interviews for two paraprofessional positions (Computer Lab Technology Specialist & Upper Grade Interventionist) will be held next week.
- v. Deborah & the faculty will begin calendaring for the 2017-2018 school year on Monday, May 8th. PTA to calendar after faculty calendaring complete.
- vi. The new math curriculum for next year (Eureka Math) has arrived. Faculty will receive training before the start of the next school year.
- vii. The professional development calendar for the new writing program has been set. There is interest in the possibility of sending 2-3 faculty members (to represent upper, middle and lower grades) to the Lucy Culkins Workshop in New York this summer. Discussion about what costs can and cannot be covered by the PTA.

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

- i. The SIP and Land Trust proposals passed and have been submitted.
- ii. John Flint presented information on the S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods program and the S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods Kit that has been delivered to Wasatch. Discussion about possible future community awareness sessions hosted at Wasatch on training, emergency preparedness, 96-hour kits, etc. Tracie has also contacted the GACC to further discuss emergency preparedness.
- iii. Katherine Kennedy (Salt Lake City School Board) discussed her recent walk through of Wasatch with Lexie Cunningham (School Superintendent) and relayed that the Superintendent was impressed with our school.
- iv. Tracie received an email from Austin Cox from OurSchoolsNow.com discussing their initiative to increase school funding in Utah. They would like to begin talking about the measure and the possibility of having a school representative with the SCC and/or PTA to help collect the signatures needed to get their proposal on the ballot.

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

- i. Distributed current balance sheet
- ii. Funding proposals and votes: none
- iii. Penny Caywood will be putting together a proposal to address additional budget needs to fairly compensate for the increases in demand of her time, work load and Town Meeting costs. We currently pay the University of Utah \$1020 per month for her time while she works at Wasatch. However, that amount has not increased with the time and workload demands. She has been preparing a spreadsheet to demonstrate the increased funding needs and will submit that along with a proposal to the PTA and Deborah for consideration. This also brought discussion about the budget teachers are allotted for Town Halls. Deborah will follow-up with Cindy to clarify how PTA art funds are divided and distributed. Dawn Ann and Julie Lewis can include clarifying information about funds budgeted for Town Halls in the Art Committee packet they will be creating for faculty this summer.
- iv. Distributed proposed budget for 2017/2018 school year. Rachel would like to add \$400 for an End of the Year library budget to be used for prizes, as well as possible other changes to accommodate Penny Caywood's proposal. Rachel suggested a vote on the proposed budget take place during the Summer PTA meeting.
- v. Rachel would like to continue adding donations from the "Donations for Fine Arts" line on the Order Form to the Fall Fundraiser totals.
- vi. Further Yearbooks discussion – Yearbooks will continue to be \$10 until June this year, \$15 after. Rachel will post a list of those who have already placed yearbook orders. Agreed that yearbooks will cost between \$12-\$13 next year until May 1, and thereafter \$15. Discussion about the possibility of using an electronic order form in the future.

e. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Augusta Comey

- i. Volunteer sign-ups for Arts Showcase are looking good. We are still looking for a few PTA volunteers to help cashier the donations table. Augusta is still working with JustServe for additional volunteers.
- ii. Augusta will begin sign-ups for Field Day and the Carnival as those needs are made available to her by Ellie Hughes and Holly Clark.

f. Arts report- Jen Levy & Julie Lewis

- i. Public sculpture progress continues; n.b. project was funded by a Utah Arts Council grant. Ben Behunin has welded a substructure star and Julie Lewis is designing and creating the tiles and other mosaic materials with the students of Wasatch. Julie will then cover the star with the kid created ceramics and rock and shards and glass and install it on the pole. Our kiln has been down, which has caused some delays.
- ii. The vinyl banner that has been hung on the fence to advertise the Arts showcase is missing.
- iii. Julie has found a glass kiln on KSL that she is interested in purchasing for the school.
- iv. Ellie Hughes and our 6th grade students have met with the street artist(s) to discuss ideas for the mural on the playground. Julie has been contacted by a videographer who films police working alongside kids to possibly film the collaborative work done on the mural.
- v. The KUED Arts Showcase spot link is up on the website. It will air on May 10th.
- vi. The vinyl signs are out. The plan is to hang them outside to advertise for the Arts Showcase and then display them indoors for the remainder of the year.
- vii. The PTA Bulletin Board will be used to display the “Experiences” that have replaced the gift baskets during Arts Showcase.
- viii. The Arts Showcase will be using the same food vendor as last year. Vegetarian and kid friendly options will be available.
- ix. There are a few extra Arts Showcase posters available. Contact Jen Levy if you know of a local business that might be interested in displaying one.
- x. Arts Showcase yard signs will be distributed Friday, May 12th with instructions to begin displaying on Saturday, May 13th.

g. Bulletin Board Update/Schedule- Stephanie Quintero

- i. Stephanie will update the bulletin board in August for the new year.

4. Agenda (discussion) items

a. Parent mentoring- Gina Roper

Not discussed; Gina not in attendance.

b. Fundraiser/Development Update

- i. Val will be scheduling a planning meeting in August to discuss development for the 2017/2018 school year. Email Val if you are interested in participating.
- ii. Fall Fundraiser dates: September 22-October 13.
- iii. Val will attend the New Parent Orientation and Kindergarten Orientation to give new parents an overview of our fundraising efforts.
- iv. RallyMe Arts Showcase link is up on the website and will be advertised by email and on Facebook.

c. Teacher Appreciation Week wrap-up

Teachers were appreciative of all the work the PTA did during the week.

d. Summer Meetings

- i. Development Meeting will be scheduled by Val for some time in August.
- i. PTA Summer Meeting – Date, time and location to be determined.

e. Retirement Luncheon for Jo Lloyd

Jo Lloyd's retirement lunch will be on June 1st in the teachers lounge, per her request. Julie Livers working on hiring a caterer.

f. Field Day

Will be coordinated by Ellie Hughes this year; PTA to provide popsicles.

g. Carnival:

Scheduled for Thursday, June 1st from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

h. PTA positions under discussion and to fill:

Hospitality: Could more than one person share different aspects of the position?

Boxtops :

i. PTA Elections 17/18 positions:

President:	Christine "Kris" Lipson
Vice President:	Meghan Looper
Secretary:	Cory Pike
Development Coordinator:	Valerie Stormont
Treasurer:	Rachel Preslar
Volunteer Coordinator:	Augusta Comey
Room Coordinator:	Stephanie Quintero
Parent Mentoring:	Gina Roper