

PTA Executive Meeting 8/7/17 @ Kris Lipson's home, 7p

In attendance: Kris Lipson (Chair), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer/Staff - Technology Coordinator), Cory Pike (Secretary), Augusta Comey (Volunteer Coordinator) Deborah Candler (Principal), Valerie Stormont (Development), Julie Livers (Past-Chair)

Excused: Meghan Looper (Vice Chair/Staff- lower grade interventionist)

**1. Welcome by Kris Lipson**

**2. PTA Business**

a. Approval of draft minutes with amendments from 5/5/2017;  
<http://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>

b. All members signed the Ethics & Conflict paperwork that our charter requires

c. Members unanimously passed the budget for the 17/18 school year

d. New parent breakfast

We chose Wednesday 8/23 to hold breakfast since we are unclear how many students and families will be absent due to eclipse travel on 8/21 and 8/22; Rachel, Deborah and Kris will prepare agenda and handouts for that morning

d. PTA Documents all in one place

Let's create a central location like Google Drive for our documents e.g. handouts, meeting minutes, event notes & binders; Rachel will take charge and work with Caryn Willardsen, current 4th grade teacher and former technology coordinator, to access the SLC school shared drive to move documents to the new drive

e. Back to School Night - Thurs, 8/24/17

Deborah will speak from 530-6p; 2 identical sessions of teacher-led introductions in their classrooms to follow; PTA will staff a table from 530p - ; Augusta will arrange for those volunteers.

Rachel will re-design and create the PTA order form to reflect current items for sale and fund-raising categories.

f. PTA policy sheet

Rachel and Cory to create

g. New positions

Boxtops - Julie Livers

Hospitality - Julie Livers, Nora Ericson, Brooke Scott

Room Parent coordinator - Stephanie Quintero; we discussed how crucial teacher involvement is to making this arrangement work beneficially for students (and teachers); Deborah will add this topic to faculty meeting agenda

Parent mentoring - Gina Roper; Deborah would like to involve House of Hope (@ I St) to get women into the classroom to volunteer; aligns with SIP goal to close achievement gap; Deborah and Gina will meet to discuss and create plan

#### h. Fundraising

Kris, Whitney Childers, Valerie Stormont met to review strategy about fund-raising for the whole year; Arts Showcase feedback indicated parents thought "we had already earned all the money"; how can we create message and strategy that works for academic year?

How can we give back as a school in re: fund-raising strategy? How do we add to last year's success?

We rely on teachers to help ensure the fund-raiser's success; e.g. could teachers document their students showing how they use the arts dollars our community raises?

Fall fund-raiser begins 9/22 and lasts 3 weeks;

#### **Principal's Report - Deborah Candler**

8/17/17 - 9a-12p faculty meeting; Kris will attend to introduce herself and briefly describe how PTA can help teachers

Deborah purchase safe eclipse glasses for school, faculty and staff, and teachers have plans to take kids out at various points during the partial eclipse

Bound school calendar planners will arrive during week of 8/7.

Deborah is working with Golden Rule Project to create Kindness club, for kids grade 2-6.

7-week Mindfulness program scheduled

New staff or grade changes: Kindergarten, Allie Crofts; Grade 2, Ken Coleman; New 5th Krista Findley-Anderson (from Emerson)

Next meeting 9/8/17 - 11a, Library