

PTA Meeting 10/6/17 - Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

In attendance: Kris Lipson (President), Meghan Looper (Vice President), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Augusta Comey (Volunteer Coordinator), Val Stormont (Fund-raising), Jen Levy (Arts Showcase), Stephanie Quintero, Tracie Sexton, DawnAnn Bullough, Carrie Skarda, Brooke Scott, Paige St. Jeor, Dawn Ann Bullough, Vorn Bullough, Deborah Candler, Delphine Node-Langlois, Suzanne Attix

1. Welcome & Introductions - Kris Lipson

2. Approval of 9/8/17 minutes; Rachel Preslar will post approved minutes on Wasatch Elementary school web site;

Process: Cory Pike will distribute draft minutes via email after meetings, edit minutes according to suggestions, the group will approve minutes at the following meeting, and Rachel will post them publicly

3. Announcements:

1. Region 4 PTA (All Salt Lake City School Districts PTA's) meeting report - Kris Lipson

Region 4 needs school volunteer hours; Cory Pike will supply rough average from 2014-2016

Arts Education grant -Jen Levy and Julie Lewis will take charge; Jen reports that last year's Region 4 grant award resulted in our current 4th grade architecture project

[Utah PTA & National Guard essay contest](#); Dawn Ann will inform the 6th grade teachers in case they would like to investigate this activity in conjunction with Veteran's day programming;

[Salt Lake City School Board semi-monthly meeting](#) 10/17/17 at 630p

4. School Reports:

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

i. Faculty are working with their students on Arts Showcase auction pieces; Dawn Ann publishing *Art Attack*, a newsletter piece that describes arts concepts students are studying across the curriculum

ii. Story Cupboard Book Fair 10/30 - 11/3 spans parent-teacher conferences on 11/1-11/2.

Dawn Ann has asked SC if we may set up on 10/26, then she has a Book Talk planned

iii. Dawn Ann in training to publish electronic content to our TV "marquis" outside the school office.

b. Principal's Report - Deborah Candler

i. First community engagement breakfast occurred on 10/5/17 at 8a; participants had access to Deborah, Tracie Sexton, SCC Chair and Kris Lipson, PTA Chair; these breakfasts serve to reach as many of our families as possible, given the regular day-time monthly meetings of PTA and SCC; LDS Hospital has offered \$200 to sponsor future breakfasts, and Deborah plans to hold them; one topic considered on 10/5 was some sort of parent night - what about a movie screening?

ii. Marie Smith, music educator, has left Wasatch, and thus far Wasatch has not been able to fill the position, given the part-time nature of the work and relatively low hourly wage; Deborah is brainstorming ways to perhaps split the position among grade levels; Deborah has also requested a choir teacher from the SLC School District for 2018/19; music class time is currently (and generously) being filled by Julie Lewis;

Deborah distributed the position announcement and asked PTA members to cast a wide net with their personal networks;

Deborah will consult with the SLC School District to learn if there are restrictions in how or how much we may pay the arts specialists

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

- i. 9/21 meeting agenda included election of officers and expansion of the Council to 12 members
- ii. Emergency backpacks for 17/18 are stocked with the help of the Cub Scouts
- iii. SCC continues to support the S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods program spearheaded by Jenn Hein and an interested group of Wasatch Elem citizens; we need to increase the community part of the program; could we find 20 interested citizens for a CERT training, for example?
- iv. 10/12/17 meeting agenda items include internet filtering review, and tech safety; Rachel Preslar will make sure to attend meeting in her role as our Technology Specialist

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

- i. Distributed current balance sheet
- ii. No current funding proposals; September funding updates follow:
 - Drill for custodian procured
 - Rachel Preslar, Technology Specialist: 3M headphone mounts were approved for \$75 yet cost only \$30
- iii. PTA officers to visit America First Credit Union 10/6/17 in order to remove Roseann Greenway and add Kris Lipson to our business account
- iv. Bake Sale will be 2/21-2/22 from 12-7p during conferences
- v. School Directory is nearly complete (!)

e. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Augusta Comey

- i. Fundraiser
- ii. Halloween - Repost haunted house needs; will call out for general volunteers for 10/27 evening; discussion followed to suggest if no haunted house, why not make it a monster mash with a disco ball?

Agenda (discussion) items

Halloween carnival: Vorn Bullough

All on track, and again, if no-one steps forward to create/manage/staff haunted house, a dance party may be the ticket

Fall Fundraiser - Valerie Stormont

Dates: September 22-October 13

We have nearly \$32000 in donations! Val notes the increase in donation dollar amounts, but not the number of participants, so that is the focus for the remainder of the drive. Here are ways to increase participation:

1. PTA members should share and comment on Rally Me social media posts,
2. Dollar Day 10/11/17; kids to hold/wave posters on 10/11; we need volunteers to help with posters, and the kids at 8a along with Dawn Ann Bullough and Deborah Candler
3. School Spirit day 10/13/17 where the community wears our Wasatch T's, or blue, or stars;

Val will address a few technical issues with the RallyMe web site with Whitney

Valerie and Whitney are continuing to brainstorm ways for the students to give back to the community.

Arts update

Jen Levy will hold the first Arts Showcase meeting of the season on 11/17/17 at 1130a; this is Jen's second and final year running Showcase; ideally, an interested person would shadow her this year and be ready to take over next year.

Small Business Friday will be Friday, 12/8/17 after school at 1p.

KelliAnn Ablla, our crossing guard and Wasatch parent, asked the PTA to consider a partnership to sell beaded bracelets to benefit her husband's village Gog in Ethiopia, and

the non-profit they have created, [Help My Village Kids](#). PTA decided to invite KelliAnn to sell them at Small Business Friday and waive the percentage due to PTA. PTA could also staff a booth to sell our merchandise e.g. T-shirts, and tote bags.

Yearbook

Paige St Joer has offered to coordinate and is scheduled to meet with Megan Castleton to coordinate the transition; thank you, Paige.

If parents have photos they have taken during the school year for the yearbook, they should email them to rachel.preslar@slcschools.org

Room parent coordination - Stephanie Quintero

Stephanie will hold orientation for room parents on 9/22/17 at 1p;

Sock drive (December) / Food drive (spring)

Girl Scouts will coordinate both service events.

Bulletin board - Rachel Preslar

Rachel distributed schedule of events for the next few months' bulletin board themes and assignments follow. At the next meeting, Kris will distribute the sheet if you would like to fill in a spot.

October - Fundraiser: Valerie
Halloween carnival: Vorn
November - **Thanksgiving :**
December - **Sock drive:**
Winter holidays:
January - **MLK, Bryant Open House:**
February - Bake Sale - Brooke & Augusta
Book Fair - DawnAnn

New parents/mentoring - Gina Roper not present

Screenagers - Brooke Scott

Brooke updated the group about showing the film [Screenagers](#); Brooke needs four weeks to secure licensing before screening; we discussed screening the movie at Bryant or inviting Bryant to Wasatch for a screening in-house; Brooke emphasized the importance of a strong panel and the group brainstormed names in our community for her to contact including: Larry Madden, Deborah Candler, Emily Dixon, Heather Armstrong, and Bruce C. Poulsen; we also discussed potential screening dates in October and November, before the winter holidays.

Brooke will contact potential panelists, and from their availability will set a screening date. *Screenagers* is intended for grades five and above.

Next meeting: 11/3 /17 @ 11a, Orchestra Room Rm.

Snacks: DawnAnn Bullough - sweet
Cory Pike - savory