Wasatch Elementary PTA Meeting 11/3/17 -Dance Room @ 11:00am

In attendance: Kris Lipson (President), Meghan Looper (Vice President), Cory Pike (Secretary), Val Stormont (Fund-raising), Jen Levy (Arts Showcase), Tracie Sexton, DawnAnn Bullough, Deborah Candler, Gina Roper, Julie Livers, Cynthia Bestvina

1. Welcome - Kris Lipson

2. Approval of 10/6/17 minutes; Cory Pike reviewed the minutes draft review which happens via email, edits, approval at the following PTA meeting and posting process; Rachel Preslar will post approved 10/6/17 minutes on Wasatch Elementary school web site;

3. Announcements:

a. Grateful thank yous to Valerie Stormont and Whitney Childers for a successful fall fund-raiser! School dance party celebration held on 11/3/17; Valerie plans to host a post-mortem meeting and will also schedule a day of service in conjunction with fund-raiser on the 2018/19 calendar in March 2018 to ensure the service component occurs next year; Valerie will also schedule a thank-you note writing party;

b. Acknowledgement of a great Halloween carnival to Vorn Bullough; carnival was well-attended, fun and volunteers well-organized by Augusta Comey; PTA suggested a vegetarian option for 2018 carnival

4. School Reports:

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough
    i. First-grade teachers would like a paper cutter for their workroom from the Library workroom; Dawn Ann will address.
    ii. Thank you to Julie Livers, and Nora Ericson for organizing delicious meals for the teachers during parent-teacher conferences

b. Principal's Report - Deborah Candler

      i. Julie Lewis has located an excellent candidate for music educator to replace Marie Smith who left mid-September; Kris Lipson will draft an email to encourage parents to contact School Board members to prod the Salt Lake City School District to expedite and complete the hiring process;

      ii. Second community engagement breakfast scheduled for Thursday 11/9/17 at 8a;

      iii. Love & Logic parenting classes will be offered most likely between 1/10/18 - 2/7/18 for free and include dinner and childcare; Deborah may ask PTA for funding for dinner and childcare as the time draws closer;

      iv. *Screenagers* will either be shown 1/24/18 or 1/31/18 at Bryant; Wasatch and Bryant will split the cost; Elissa Wiscomb, 3rd grade teacher and SCC member, plans to organize White Ribbon Week to focus on safe technology to coincide with *Screenagers;*

      v. Julie Livers announced the screening of *Resilience: the Biology of Stress and Science of Hope* on 11/15/17 at 9:15a at the Children's Center;
https://childrenscenterutah.org/about-us/in-the-news/item/73-resilience-showing

c. Arts Update - Julie Lewis

      i. Art card order forms will be distributed in Star folders 11/6/17 and due Friday 11/10; Completed/printed cards will go home with students before Thanksgiving break; Julie Lewis will find careful volunteers to help with the printing and organizing process; parents can stop in the school office to review and order cards from any and all classrooms;

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

      i. Council reviewed ideas to address mud in grassy area on R St.

ii. New school counselor at Bryant will facilitate interactions between Bryant and feeder schools; Janet Barnette is the new Bryant SCC Chair;

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar (absent)

i. Kris Lipson distributed current balance sheet;

ii. No current funding proposals;

iii. Rachel would like to ensure that teachers try to recoup some bus money from families before field trip - our budgeted field trip fund is double the cost we expected so far;

e. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Augusta Comey (absent)

i. Group reviewed volunteer needs for November; unlike October's needs, they are few :)

Agenda (discussion) items

Teacher meals for SEP conference - Julie Livers
Hospitality hosts will likely reduce the cost for the March meals; October meals cost $315;

Deborah Candler thanks the PTA for the funding for Lucy Caulkin writing professional development program for teachers

Room coordinators
Each parent rep and teacher are working around email privacy issues to reach as many parents as possible; Kris Lipson will ask Deborah if she would be willing to use Powerschool to publish draft emails on behalf of room parents

Small Business Friday/2nd Annual Holiday Bazaar - Jen Levy will be Friday, 12/8/17 after school at 1p. Jen Levy is recruiting and organizing vendors and asks the group to spread the word; vendors need a business license and to donate 15% of profits to PTA

Arts Showcase - Jen Levy

Jen Levy will hold the first Arts Showcase meeting of the season on 11/17/17 at 1130a; general group discussion ensured regarding last year's auction pieces: the work that goes into creating them v. their final sales price; Jen also pointed out that Showcase does not have the same pressure to raise money as it has in the past, so kids and community can focus on a true art showcase in 2017, and encouraged the entire community to make it a point to attend;

BoxTops - Cynthia Bestvina

Cynthia reviewed a variety of options to redeem BoxTops for school cash and the group gave her the green light to choose whatever program she liked to implement; Wasatch received $300 for the time period between April and November, 2017; Cynthia plans to request BoxTops from families around the time of the winter holidays;

Bulletin Board - Kris Lipson

Kris will update the bulletin board topic + responsible person sheet and post it on the PTA Google Drive

New parent liaison - Gina Roper

Gina has spent time requesting information from new parents to see what their needs are, and best ways that she and PTA may fill in gaps; she noted that House of Hope and Odyssey House parents tend to communicate directly with Deborah Candler; Gina will attend the community engagement breakfast on 11/9/17.

New members? - Kris Lipson

Kris encouraged attendees to invite a new person/friend/neighbor to the next PTA meeting; she thanked Meghan Looper for setting up the room for today's meeting;

Next meeting 12/1/17
Snack: Julie Livers and Gus Comey