

PTA Meeting 12/1/17 -Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

In attendance: Meghan Looper (Vice President), Cory Pike (Secretary), Val Stormont (Fund-raising), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Jen Levy (Arts Showcase), Gus Comey (Volunteer Coord), Julie Livers (Hospitality), Tracie Sexton (SCC), DawnAnn Bullough (SIC), Deborah Candler, Stephanie Quintero, Brian Bevan, Julie Lewis

**1. Welcome** - Meghan Looper;

**2. Approval** of 11/3/17 minutes;

**3. Announcements:**

a. Special election: Kris Lipson had to step down as President due to new professional responsibilities, and Meghan Looper will continue as Vice President this academic year; Jen Levy nominated Valerie Stormont for President; Dawn Ann seconded the motion; the group unanimously voted to elect Valerie Stormont the new President, effective immediately. Our best wishes to Kris, and thank you for your service, Valerie!

b. Holiday get-together at Val Stormont's home 12/21/17

c. Regarding the empty lot at 1117 E South Temple, this 12-unit apartment proposal is on the Historic Landmark Commission meeting agenda for 12/7/17  
<http://www.slcgov.com/planning/planning-2017-historic-landmark-commission>

**4. School Reports:**

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

i. Dawn Ann continues to address being able to locally control the content of the TV screens in the hallway and cafeteria

ii. Hour of Code: Dawn Ann will email the faculty to see whether they might incorporate this into their teaching during 12/4 - 12/10; this global program seeks to increase awareness and importance of coding; <https://hourofcode.com/ca>

b. Principal's Report - Deborah Candler

i. Kindergarten tour on 11/30/17 during the evening and only 5 folks participated; probably not worth the time to hold evening event, especially since Deborah receives 75-90 out-of-neighborhood-bounds requests to attend Wasatch

ii. PTA may collect emails from parents to publish in directory or for the room parents' use

iii. Active Shooter training for faculty and paraprofessionals 12/11/17

iv. Sign-ups have begun for *Love & Logic* parenting classes to be held in January; contact Deborah Candler for more information or to sign up

v. Arts Specialists update:

-Kathie McMillan is our new music educator and the kids love her;

-From now on, our Arts Specialists are considered non-contract teacher hires by the District; if they're still employed in three years, they *must* go through ARL to become licensed; Ellie Sargent and Dave Payne are immediately affected, and Deborah has already spoken with them about this situation; Penny Caywood (Drama) is paid via the University of UT, so that arrangement can stay in place with Wasatch; Julie Lewis (Art) is a volunteer; Jean LaSalle Gardner (Dance) is employed by the District via a Sorenson grant

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

- i. 11/16/17 meeting featured Lisa Warner, Bryant counselor who wanted to learn more about Wasatch and promote what Bryant has to offer; Ms. Warner pointed out Bryant's academic growth, and ELP program success;
- ii. SCC continues to support the S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods program; replacement for Jenn Hein who will be stepping down is in the works
- iii. Elissa Wiscomb will address White Ribbon week at the next faculty meeting

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

- i. Distributed current balance sheet
- ii. Regarding: PTA merchandise: art cards printed, and reusable Wasatch bags en route
- ii. Funding requests:
  - New paper cutter for first grade teachers, addressed during November meeting: approved
  - Deborah Candler would like a container for all the recess/playground balls for kids to stay more organized and prevent loss of materials: approved
  - Kathie McMillan requested name tags and lanyard for first graders: approved

e. Arts update - Julie Lewis

- i. Art cards are complete! Julie Lewis will deliver packages of cards to local businesses for them to sell to promote our school and community connections
- ii. Julie is reviewing a kiln-rewire proposal and also reviewing new kiln pricing options;

iii. Julie is considering giant banner printed with kids' art to "wrap" around our school to promote our focus on the arts, and to make our school more visible; seeking District permission and installation

iv. Applying for grant for little ceramic? stars to decorate (which?) sign

f. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Augusta Comey

i. Thanks for support.

g. Arts showcase & Small Business Friday - Jen Levy

i. First meeting of season held on 11/17/17 and was sparsely attended; please spread the word to your contacts about becoming involved

ii. Small Business Friday 12/8/17 from 1-3p: Discussion about whether or not to grow the fair next year, and charge fees for participation; currently 5 vendors for this year's fair; Deborah and Jen will hold a post-mortem meeting after fair to discuss success and ideas for 2018

Next PTA meeting: 1/12/18 in Library

Snack:

Cory Pike - sweet

Meghan Looper- savory