

PTA Meeting 2/2/18 -Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

In attendance: Val Stormont (President), Meghan Looper (Vice President), Cory Pike (Secretary), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Augusta Comey (Volunteer Coord), Julie Livers (Hospitality), Tracie Sexton (SCC), DawnAnn Bullough (SIC), Stephanie Quintero, Delphine Node-Langlois, Carey Skarda, Suzanne Attix, Gina Roper, Brooke Scott; Lisa Warner, Bryant Middle School Counselor

1. Welcome - Valerie Stormont

2. Approval of 1/12/18 minutes; minutes appear on the PTA Google drive, and the Wasatch Elem web site

3. Announcements:

- a. Thank you to Brooke Scott for her hard work to organize a successful screening of *Screenagers* and panel discussion
- b. Valerie Stormont distributed two petitions: Better Boundaries and Our Schools Now
- c. Reusable tote bags with Wasatch logo are available for \$8 or 2/\$15

4. School Reports:

a. Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

- i. Dawn Ann filmed the panel discussion at *Screenagers* and is working on making it available to view

- ii. Dawn Ann and Rachel Preslar received training to (non-intuitively!) program the hall TV monitor
- iii. Active shooter drill follow-up; teachers have discussed gathering points after students have scattered; classes have fleeing/egress plans; goal is to provide students with plans and ability to take control

- iv. Playworks feedback from faculty indicated the need for further research, and while faculty offered to support any decision, they raised concern regarding the cost and necessity, potential loss of unstructured play, and challenge of teacher turnover after training investment; PTA members suggested supporting systems already in place at school e.g. our social worker, and Valley Behavioral Health support; considering other conflict resolution options; UPDATE: Playworks presentation for faculty scheduled for 2/26/18 - Deborah Candler will report at 3/9/18 meeting

Stephanie Quintero reviewed the grant and corporate funding opportunities she researched and found in the interest of grant cycle deadlines/time/effort, corporate funding may be a better option;

Following discussion, Valerie Stormont created an action item list:

- +compile pros & cons; meet with Deborah Candler to discuss
- +investigate dispute resolution programs, e.g. Utah Bar
- +create list of potential corporate sponsors
- +Dawn Ann will ask faculty if a presentation from Playworks would be useful

v. Scholastic Book Fair in auditorium 2/20-2/23 - all proceeds go to support library services and materials; [Battle of the Books](#), a national program is underway at Wasatch; top four students at Wasatch will advance to District competition

b. Principal's Report - Deborah Candler - excused

Dawn Ann Bullough covered overlapping issues in faculty report

c. SCC (School Community Council)

i. SCC addressed the ongoing \$20,000 (!) expense required to support Eureka math materials

ii. SAFE Neighborhoods - Desiree Buck is new Wasatch contact; increasing and developing contact between schools, communities and Salt Lake City; community meeting at Bryant 2/7/18

iii. Change from School Improvement Plan to Excellence & Equity Plan to create priorities, not goals to occur over three-year period:

1. academic
2. achievement
3. school culture & climate

d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

i. Distributed current balance sheet

ii. Funding requests:

-Dawn Ann Bullough requested \$80 to attend [UELMA](#) 3/9/18: Approved

-Rachel Preslar requested \$85 to take a how to teach typing class; she needs to provide typing instruction to students to report to the District and help facilitate SAGE testing: Approved

-PTA would like to acknowledge our love and support for Julie Lewis's loss: Approved \$75

iii. From January's approvals:

-Mr. Haslam attended [UT Science Teachers Assn](#) conference in February

-Building wrap is delayed while Julie Lewis is out

e. Volunteer

February is a busy month: bake sale, teacher dinners, Scholastic Book Fair shifts

f. Bake Sale - Brooke Scott & Augusta Comey

2/21 and 2/22, during conferences from 1p-530p

g. Arts update

i. Next Arts Showcase meeting is 2/9/18 at 1130a

Discussion items

1. Potential author visit:

Nora Ericson asked if the PTA would be interested to host and fund [Anica Rissi](#), author of *Anna, Banana* series for an all-day visit that includes up to 4 presentations to classrooms; if teachers are interested, and we could get a discount, we will discuss further

2. Meghan Looper will put up February calendar;

3. Bryant counselor Lisa Warner presented proposal to "combine" Bryant and SLCSE by moving the middle school portion of SLCSE to Bryant, expand the middle school offerings, and increase interactions/relationships between the two sites; Lisa listened to questions and noted feedback about Bryant Open House; thanks for taking the time to visit, Lisa!

Next PTA meeting: 3/9/18 (no school 3/2/18) in Library; sweet snack: Julie Livers /
savory: Brooke Scott