



School Community Council Meeting Minutes  
**Thursday, September 20, 2018, 3:15 p.m. – School Library**

APPROVED

*“...what is in the best interest of the students...”*

1. Welcome – Introductions — Julia Lyon, Maja Onda, Amy Perry, Amanda Finlayson, Dawn Ann Bullough, Jennifer Schreiter, Anna Martin, Veronica Chavez, Katherine Duncan, Meghan Looper, Deborah Candler, Shawn Robinson and Matt Mitchell in attendance.
2. Announcements — All the new members of the SCC were welcomed.
3. School Reports
  - a. PTA Report – Meghan Looper — The new website [wasatchpta.com](http://wasatchpta.com) allows parents to order directories, shirts, sign-up for PTA etc. Meetings are first Friday of each month at 11 a.m. Fall fundraiser goal is to raise \$40,000 that goes directly to arts to school. Now at more than \$17,000 on Sept. 20. Grade level that raises most and grade level that has most donations will have celebrations. All-school celebration if school meets goal. On Sept. 27th, kids can donate their own money. Bullough said crowd sourcing is important — even small donations matter. Next meeting October 5 at 11 a.m. in library. Candler explained that additional money is earned by Arts Showcase in May.
  - b. SIC Chair Report – Bullough — Sept. 28 is non student day - professional day for teacher training. Teachers are being asked to give wellness lessons within curriculum. Looking at some service opportunities for students as a “thank you” to community.
4. Agenda
  - a. Approve May minutes (vote) — Bulough makes first motion and Looper seconded. Unanimous approval.
  - b. Council elections and appointments — unanimous approval of chair (Julia Lyon), vice chair (Maja Onda), secretary (Steve Fuhrman). SCC will now total 11 parents with the addition of new members: Maja Onda, Amanda Finlayson, Amanda Martin, Veronica Chavez and Shawn Robinson. Steve Fuhrman is replacing his wife, Betsy Kleba.
  - c. Review and adoption of Council operating procedures
    - i. Rules of Order and Procedure (review/modify if necessary) — Discussion about changing election language to make council number more flexible based on changing parent participation number each year.
    - ii. SCC 2018-19 meeting days and times
    - iii. Posting of agendas and minutes
  - d. SCC Timeline - project ideas, concerns - discussion - Anna Martin discussed a social/emotional learning program for the school that helps teachers called Open Circle. She has a video she could show. Program developed at Wellesley College. Two 15 minute lessons in classroom for K-5. Every grade covering same things

at depth  
half-time counselor who  
in hearing more about program. \$17,000  
level.

appropriate to their grade. Discussion of how school has  
works with all classes. Candler is interested  
cost. Monies may be available at district

- e. School Community Council Training - fall dates — new council members can attend statewide training or attend via web.
- f. School Items
  - i. Emergency Backpacks - To be restocked by Boy Scout volunteers Wednesday, Oct. 3. Onda and Martin to help Lyon.
  - ii. Upcoming Events — Oct 1 end of fall fundraiser; Oct. 4 picture day; October 18-22 UEA break
- g. District Items - District requests feedback on detaining students after school — policy to comply with state law (language handed out at meeting). Candler said not exist at Wasatch. an issue at the elementary level. Detention does not

- 5. Principal report – Deborah Candler — SAGE has been replaced with RISE, for annual testing. First and second grades do end-of-level testing. First through sixth grade students do assessments on computers. These are Utah-specific.
  - i. Review school budget
  - ii. Review approved plans — 2018-19 EEP — LAND Trust total for Wasatch was \$49,000. Computer lab staff member paid for by LAND Trust. Other money spent on staff for interventionists on reading, math. The new Equity and Excellence Plan has priorities, semester goals and grade level team with team goals tied into semester goals. DIBELS, a basic literacy assessment, is given to all students in K-3 beginning, middle and end of year. Goal for this semester 80 percent of that group will make typical or above level growth. Teachers are going through AMPLIFY training. Teachers and interventionists are doing testing. Upper grades - goal was 80 percent fourth through sixth proficient on reading comprehension as measured by district language arts targets. Looking at both in literature and nonfiction. Students made significant growth on SAGE testing. Discussion of WONDERS reading curriculum and whether it's working. Some concerns about lack of creativity and depth of curriculum. Discussion that teachers need to supplement the curriculum.  
School culture goal was Playworks, a recess program to address issues on the playground. Goal was to decrease playground referrals. School attended training and now has recess committee. In early October, coach who trained teachers will return to do an abbreviated training. By having classroom equipment instead of kid-brought, problems are decreasing.  
If Wasatch had to be evacuated, one of the first sites is Reservoir Park. Second is Bryant Middle School. Both are walkable sites. Candler can communicate to school community via her phone. District has new emergency training on October 5. A University of Utah graduate student will be providing additional mental health counseling to students — 16 hours per week. Will be working with Ms. James, the school counselor.  
More than 30 Wasatch students attended Bryant this fall - the largest in several years. Discussion of Bryant Middle School and how math/science track will

eventually be offered for all kids. Looper plans to attend Bryant SCC meetings and keep Wasatch SCC up to date.

6. Review Action Items

- a. Publish meeting schedule and members list
- b. Update website
- c. Schedule/Attend SCC training — Oct. 23 (Ogden), Oct. 25 (West Jordan), Nov. 7 (Orem)

**Next Wasatch SCC meeting: October 11 at 3:15 p.m.**

- Report council membership, final report and principal's assurance to School LAND Trust by October 20
- Next district SCC Chair/Principal meeting on Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.