

PTA Meeting 2/1/19 -Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

In attendance: Val Stormont (President), Meghan Looper + Baby Jocelyn (Vice Pres), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Deborah Candler (Principal), Lauren Bucher (Showcase), Augusta Comey (Vol), Paige St. Joer, Dawn Ann Bullough (SIC), Brian Cameron-Bevan, Meredith Peterson, Julie Livers, Delphine Node-Langlois, Julie Lewis, Lori Mercer

Excused: Julie Lyon (SCC)

1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements

a. Reviewed Netsmartz assembly and presentation on 1/29/19; Netsmartz will present all-school assembly 2/8/19; parent evening worthwhile; it spurred discussion and brainstorm for addressing online life for our kids; Dawn Ann Bullough reminded us to check the Internet Safety tab on her UEN site: <https://my.uen.org/myuen/221967/18>; Julie Livers recommends the book *iRules* by Janell Burley Hofmann

b. Brian Cameron-Bevan announced an upcoming Scouts food drive

c. Holly Clark noted a change in the inflatables vendor for Family Fun Festival; we can discuss raising ticket prices, depending on the new vendor's pricing, and PTA financial plans

2. Approved 1/11/19 meeting minutes – updated to reflect Stephanie Quintero's contribution for taking minutes; approved minutes posted on the Wasatch school web site: <http://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>



3. School Reports

a. SIC (School Improvement Committee) report - Dawn Ann Bullough

- i. Faculty preparing for SEP's; Bake Sale 2/22, 1-5p, Scholastic Book Fair 2/19 – 2/22; 2/14 will be set-up for Book Fair;
- ii. Service project on behalf of West HS Food Pantry update; Julie Lewis secured tote bags from LSDH; assembly of food packages 2/8 and will include West HS students and transport; PTA volunteers to participate in package assembly

b. Principal's report-Deborah Candler

- i. Excellence and Equity Plan (EEP) goals changed to match the District goals i.e. emphasis on growth and progress versus proficiency
- ii. Playworks – new playground equipment organized by grade-level; kids are responsible for equipment
- iii. LAND Trust money slated for 10% increase i.e. roughly \$4000 increase for Wasatch; may funds for increased Playworks programming; core teachers on recess committee currently; can we increase to whole group of teachers to ensure consistency for Playworks success and bring those successful concepts into the classroom?
- iv. School building security updates – faculty will remind kids that they're not to let adults into the school; Brian Cameron-Bevan noted DO NOT OPEN signs posted on doors
- v. Kindergarten tour very well-attended; n.b. SLC JCC Early Childhood Center will not offer kindergarten during 19/20



c. SCC (School Community Council) –Meghan Looper

i. Ensign Elementary asked for Wasatch support related to Aftercare enrollment processes; next SCC meeting 2/21/19 at 315p in Library; kids welcome and snacks provided

d. Arts Showcase – Lauren Bucher

i. Meeting held 2/8/19; committee seeks to increase K-2 parent participation so Caryn Willardsen reaching out to parents and Lauren is contacting new PTA members who indicated arts interests during sign-up.

ii. Next Showcase meeting 2/8/19

e. Volunteer – Augusta Comey

i. Bake Sale 2/21 - 6th graders are willing and enthusiastic volunteers; Book Fair, and West HS service project volunteer needs coming up for February

f. Treasurer's report – Rachel Preslar

i. Current balance sheet distributed; all spending on track, and our PTA is awesome;

ii. Vision Van costs are settled for the original price PTA had approved



5. Agenda items

a. Legislative issues – Valerie Stormont

i. Breakfast 1/14/19 with local legislators Derek Kitchen (UT Senate District 2), Jen Dailey-Provost (UT House District 24), Yàndary Chatwin, Salt Lake City School District Executive Director, Communications and Community Relations, and Wasatch faculty to communicate public education issues important to Wasatch; these particular representatives are supportive advocates of education funding;

ii. Valerie reviewed a selection of bills in process that are relevant to education:

HB 71: <https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0071.html> Health Education Amendments

HB 81: <https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0081.html> School Counselor Services

HB 198: <https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0198.html> Education Accountability Amendments

HB 208: <https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0208.html> Safe Routes to School Program

SB 103: <https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/SB0103.html> Victim Targeting Penalty Enhancements

Track bills here: <https://le.utah.gov/Documents/bills.htm>

iii. PTA Day at the Capitol: 2/12/19, registration begins 830a, meetings at 9a; Valerie Stormont would like you to attend with her <http://www.utahpta.org/2019-day-capitol>

iv. UEA Educator Day on the Hill: Fridays during the legislative session

http://www.myuea.org/issues_action/uea_under_the_dome/educator_day_on_the_hill.aspx

b. Neighborhood interest in changing some District policies and focus – Lori Mercer

Whitney Foley, parent at Bonneville Elementary, would like to include Wasatch parents to discuss and promote changes to some District policies related to standardized testing, and grading and to promote other pedagogies including project-based learning; Lori Mercer will forward meeting notices to PTA to publicize; Deborah Candler pointed out that SLCSD is considering many changes, including new boundaries in 20/21



c. Resource reduction and recycling progress – Meredith Peterson

i. Meredith Peterson is in discussion with Kelly Orton, Director of Nutrition for SLCSO to reduce plastic cutlery in lunchrooms; group brainstormed ideas to increase awareness of new recycling requirements, and resource reduction at Wasatch and in homes and communities; Could students learn by creating town meetings? Would community organizations and vendors come to speak at assembly?

ii. Speaking of environmental concerns, Deborah Candler will remind folks to stop idling during drop-off/pickup at next call-out

Next meeting: 3/8/19 @ 11a in Library: all welcome

Snacks (best part): Lauren: savory & Julie Livers: sweet

