

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

Present: Val Stormont (President), Meghan Looper (Vice Pres), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Whitney Childers (Fundraising), Deborah Candler (Principal), Beth Tanner (SIC), Lauren Bucher (Showcase), Anna Martin, Brian Bevan, Jen Oscarson, Meredith Peterson, Marcel Paret, Julia Lyon, Emma Hinckley, Vorn Bullough, Elizabeth Terry, Casey Murphy, Bryan Wilson, Carrie Skarda, Marianne Wilson, Jennifer Fargo, Julie Lewis

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Thanks for bringing a friend to PTA. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings.

**2. Announcements**

- a. Thanks to Halloween Carnival Committee for a successful evening on 10/25/19;

**3. Minutes approval**

Meghan Looper motioned 10/4/19 minutes be approved with changes; Brian Bevan seconded, and all approved; minutes are posted <https://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>

**4. School Reports**

a. SIC (School Improvement Committee) – Beth Tanner

- i. Discussion phase **for service project? Meredith Peterson?** with Meadowlark Elementary Principal, Maggie Cummings

b. Principal's report - Deborah Candler

- i. State legislature tax meetings to occur in November; Valerie Stormont will follow up with email about meeting and tax information; **EDIT: Here is Val's email!**

**Thursday, November 7, 4 p.m., Utah State Capitol House Building, Room 30**

**Thursday, November 21, 5 p.m., Utah State Capitol House Building, Room 30**

[Tribune article summarizing the tax reform proposals.](#)

[UEA's Website on Tax Reform](#)

You can make comments [here](#). Scroll to the bottom.



You can contact [Senator Derek Kitchen](#) or [Representative Jennifer Dailey-Provost](#) if you live in the Avenues. If you don't know who your representatives are, you can find them [here](#).

ii. Emergency backpacks will be handled by SCC in 20/21; classroom/school management is less consistent than a centralized process;

iii. Health & Wellness evening at Ensign well-attended, but not by Wasatch families; are family nights worth it? Ms. Candler would like to support families out of school, but the evenings take a lot of work to coordinate; is it worth the time when only a small handful of families attend? Discussion included ways to increase attendance by tacking on family night to SEPs, or other existing events; Room Parents could also publicize the events;

iv. Tech addiction evenings coming up on 11/7/19 at both Glendale and Bryant;

v. Families in Need at Wasatch – in addition to LDS Hospital Sub-for-Santa sponsorship, feel free to purchase Smith's gift cards in increments of \$20 and Ms. Candler will distribute them to our families in need

vi. Reducing waste in our cafeteria is an on-going project; Ms. Candler has involved SL County Councilwoman, Shireen Ghorbani; waste removal service for composting cost \$1200/month; Brian Bevan will share contact in waste management with Ms. Candler

c. SCC (School Community Council) –Meghan Looper reporting for Brandon Bennett

i. Discussed 1) shared governance and 2) budget for SITLA, aka Land Trust funds

d. Volunteer – Augusta absent

No upcoming November events



e. Treasurer's report – Rachel Preslar

i. Distributed current budget sheet

ii. Directories are printed – were expensive, sub-par printing and we are 50-60 short; Lauren Bucher has printing contacts via Arts Showcase to share; Cory Pike emailed Sam Quantz, SLCSO CIO about the policy of not allowing electronic directories and has not heard back; Beth Tanner shared our IT contact: [chris.gesteland@slcschools.org](mailto:chris.gesteland@slcschools.org)

**EDIT: here is 11/4/19 email response from Mr. Quantz!**

Thank you for your email. All of our policies around student data privacy are located in the following policy:

<https://www.slcschools.org/board-of-education/policies/s-2/s-2-ap/english/>

All of the supporting procedures, such as the data governance plan, are linked in the document. You will probably not find anything specific about your question, but I will explain our decision.

FERPA permits a district to release directory information (information that is generally not considered harmful) without parental consent. Even though we can release directory information without parental consent, we are not required to release the data. One of the other stipulations of FERPA is that we (the District) remain in direct control of the data. If we were to allow PTA groups to post student data on websites that are out of our control, we could be out of compliance with FERPA.

Another law that we are subject to is the Utah Student Data Protection Act. This law requires that we have contracts in place with companies with whom we share data. Allowing PTA groups to share with any free site would require us to enter into data sharing agreements with all these sites. Because of these requirements, we have chosen not to allow the release of student directory information to these websites.

With all that being said, we have had this request from multiple PTA groups and we have decided to include a student directory in our PowerSchool Parent Portal product. We will be working on development of this soon and hope to have it ready by the start of the new year.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

**Sam Quantz**

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11/1/19: C. Pike

iii. Art card order forms will be in Star folders Monday 11/4, and are due Friday 11/8. Whitney Childers will put order forms on [wasatchpta.com](http://wasatchpta.com) for online payment and order (no shipping) **EDIT: <https://www.wasatchpta.com/arts-cards>**; we will not offer online images for sale since printed materials are a sure-sale, and online images may detract.

f. Arts Showcase report – Lauren Bucher

Showcase committee needs more people to participate in planning and implementation, and completing tasks such as decorations overhaul; Anna Martin will contact Room Parents to ask for one parent/classroom to step up for Showcase; Ms. Candler will ask faculty on 11/11/19 meeting to email parents, also; next meeting 11/15/19 in conference room

g. Fundraiser wrap-up – Whitney Childers

Final tally = \$47459: wow.

Dance party celebrations K-3 and 4-6 in effect during meeting; pizza parties have already happened

By the numbers (thanks to Whitney for the break-down):

**TOTAL RAISED: \$47,459**

69	Most # of donations per grade (Winner: 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade!)
\$7,915	Most amount raised per grade (Winner: 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade!)
\$1,500	Total cash & coins for Dollar Day (Winner: 4 <sup>th</sup> grade brought in \$397!)

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- 411 total # of contributions
  - 313 donors (n.b. one donor can send donations to more than one child or grade)
  - 23 different states where donations came from
  - \$5 to \$5,000: range of individual amounts donated
  - 345/371 donations covered transaction fees - about 97%
  - 111 donations were \$150+
  - 202 donations on desktop; 169 on mobile phone (54% to 46%)
  - More than \$11,000 came in amounts of \$500+
  - Offline contributions (checks/cash) - \$7,179
  - Disbursements to PTA bank account:  
Oct. 10 - \$28,694.90  
Oct. 25 - \$11,886.46

**Total disbursement: \$40,581.26 (via Mightycause.com) + \$7,179 (checks/cash)**



## 5. Discussion items

### a. Increase volunteer participation follow up – Beth Tanner

Beth Tanner is creating a survey to ask for feedback related to school service activities, and timing of meetings; Ms. Tanner will send Anna Martin the survey to distribute to Room Parents; Augusta Comey pulled a list of volunteers from <https://www.signupgenius.com/>, and Valerie Stormont distributed that list at the meeting for attendees to review and contact personal friends;

### b. PTA By-law review – Valerie Stormont

We will vote to adopt by-laws at December meeting, which is 60 days after by-laws posted.

### c. Additional topics of discussion:

i. Meredith Peterson recycled 105 pounds of batteries and 80 pounds of markers that Wasatch collected during the 18/19 year!

ii. Big playground is used by the public, sometimes to unsavory ends; Whitney Childers will design vinyl sign for playground fence reminding the public that kids play there, and it's school grounds; also, let the record show that no-one has ever been locked or trapped in the tunnel

Next meeting: Dec 6 2019, 11a, Library

Snack: Cory (savory) and Lauren (sweet);

