

PTA Meeting 1/10/20, Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

Present: Val Stormont (President), Meghan Looper (Vice Pres), Cory Pike (Secretary), Deborah Candler (Principal), Beth Tanner (SIC), Lauren Bucher (Showcase), Meredith Peterson, Whitney Childers, Allyson Maughan

Excused: Rachel Preslar (Treasurer) and Gus Comey (Volunteer)

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**2. Minutes approved from 12/6/19 meeting**

a. Lauren Bucher motioned 12/6/19 minutes be approved with changes; seconded by Beth Tanner, and all approved; minutes are posted <https://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>

**3. Announcements**

- a. Bryant Open House @ Bryant 1/16/20 530-7p - <https://bryant.slcschools.org/>
- b. PTA Day on the Hill 2/18/20 9a-2p; if there is a large enough Wasatch contingent, Valerie Stormont will organize a lunch with our representatives, Derek Kitchen (Utah Senate District 2) and Jen Dailey-Provost (Utah House District 24) Registration link: <https://www.utahpta.org/day-capitol-0>
- c. Late Start Listening Tours re: new late start times for SLC School District schools; from the District web site:

“In the month of January, Board members will also embark on a listening tour throughout the district. Because a change to high school start times will impact starting/ending times for almost all other schools in the district, we invite all SLCS D community members and stakeholders to join us at one of four listening sessions to share your thoughts on late start with our Board. Meetings will be held on:

- Monday, January 13, 2020, at 6 p.m. at Bryant Middle School ([RSVP on our Facebook eventFB event](#))
- Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 6 p.m. at Northwest Middle School ([RSVP on our Facebook eventFB event](#))
- Friday, January 17, 2020, at 6 p.m. at Hillside Middle School ([RSVP on our Facebook eventFB event](#))
- Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 10 a.m. at the Glendale Public Library ([RSVP on our Facebook eventFB event](#))”



Detailed information about the options from the District  
<https://www.slcschools.org/departments/late-start-information/>

#### **4. School Reports**

##### **a. SIC (School Improvement Committee) – Beth Tanner**

- i. Ms. Tanner is collaborating with 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades to determine charity to receive 2/13/20 Bake Sale proceeds
- ii. Tax referendum signing packages are located around the Valley;
- iii. No January SIC meeting; in Feb and March, SIC will discuss Student Success Plan;
- iv. Story Cupboard Book Fair 2/10 – 2/13; SEP's 2/12 – 2/13; bake sale 2/13; long holiday weekend 2/14 – 2/17

##### **b. Principal's report - Deborah Candler**

- i. Cafeteria digester by [Wasatch Resource Recovery](#) in effect; results in reduction of trash volume are evident and encouraging; parent volunteers are welcome to help kids come up to speed about sorting food waste; Ms. Candler visited each classroom to let kids know about the new process; she will write grant for 20/21 year for continued funding; for this academic year, funding comes from waste fiber revenue and the support of the Oscarson and Terry families;
- ii. Utah State Board of Education published school report cards for the 2018-19 school year; you can see Wasatch's performance in achievement, growth, English language learner progress and early literacy here:  
<https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/Home/SchoolOverAllPerformance?SchoolID=1139&DistrictID=1107&SchoolNbr=272&SchoolLevel=K8&IsSplitSchool=0>
- iii. Budget spending/allocations on track;
- iv. Next 90-day cycle for Student Success Plan to be implemented; reading interventionists are key to Wasatch student success;



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

i. Next meeting 1/23/20

d. Volunteer – Augusta Comey

January is a quiet month for PTA volunteer activities; February is a busy one

e. Arts Showcase report – Lauren Bucher

Showcase meeting is 1/24/20

f. Treasurer's report – Ms. Preslar excused

**5. Discussion items**

a. Increase volunteer participation follow up – Beth Tanner

Beth Tanner will check to see whether any new survey results are present; EDIT: there were! At the very least, PTA could follow up with survey respondents who included their emails and thank them for their feedback;

b. Role of room parents

Follow-up from December meeting; Anna Martin, co-ordinator and Valerie Stormont will meet shortly and then Ms. Martin will hold a room parents meeting to clarify responsibilities and feedback;

c. PTA By-law adoption– Valerie Stormont

Meghan Looper motioned to adopt the by-laws; Lauren Bucher seconded the motion; all attendees in favor, no abstentions, no nays

d. Bulletin board– Meghan Looper will organize January and February calendars w/list of events



e. Fall fund-raising discussion and brainstorm – Whitney Childers

Should we continue to hold the fund-raiser in September or around the time of first SEP's in October?

Successful as is, so keep it as is. Tentative date: Fri 9/18/20 – Monday 10/5/20

Consider providing incentives to teachers for promoting the fund-raiser; teachers' voices may be more engaging than nameless PTA messages;

Next meeting @ Science Room: 2/7/20

Snack: Meghan & Cory

