

## **PTA Meeting: Dec 4., 2020, 11 a.m., virtual zoom meeting**

**Present:** Meghan Looper (President), Lauren Bucher (Vice President), Debbie Hummel (Secretary), Deborah Candler (Principal), Rachel Preslar (treasurer), Elisabeth Bennett (SCC co-chair), Beth Tanner (Librarian), Val Stormont (Fundraising), Cindy Mills (School Secretary), Augusta Comey (volunteer coordinator), Diana Cabrales, Julia Lyon, Paige St. Jeor.

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Looper welcomes everyone to the meeting.

### **Announcements and Minutes approved from November virtual meeting:**

Looper asks that if you haven't joined PTA please join because we need to give a count to Utah PTA.

Bennett approves meetings from the November meeting and Looper seconds.

Minutes will be posted at: <https://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>

### **School reports:**

#### **SIC Report:**

Candler begins by reporting that mostly the reentry plan was discussed. It was a difficult discussion because there was a lot of information missing from the district. What will schedule be like? Are teachers keeping students if they online or in person? What was really needed is the information from an upcoming survey to find out what parents' plans are.

Survey to go out Monday and due Dec. 16, we're hoping to get info back ASAP. If we do go back Jan. 25 the district has said schools can write an alternative plan but the school has to have a very compelling reason. A staff survey said that 75 percent of respondents only feel comfortable returning if numbers go down. Four said they would go back to in person no matter what. Five said not planning to return if in person.

Tanner joins meeting to complete SIC report and repeats a lot of what Candler has gone over. That the school is hoping to do what's best for staff and students and teachers are really grappling about if they can keep their classes in tact and what it would look like to have to do two things (remote and online.)

#### **Principal's Report-Deborah Candler:**

Candler concludes conversation about in-person switch by saying the school will continue with this year's theme of flexibility and whatever plan the school makes will represent what parents want.

She asks about yearbook plan since many students didn't get picture made. Should they send a picture in?

Julia Lyon makes a suggestion that Shutterfly works with Lifetouch and could create a school picture-like photo.

Ms. Mills says she will see if there is something similar for Interstate photography.

Candler suggests address that in your PTA blurb asking parents for content.

Bennett also suggest Dojo photos as a source of yearbook material.

School had done an independent student learner survey that Candler didn't have time go through all the results yet. The survey looked by grade level where are the strengths, where are the weaknesses. This is part of the goal of finding the positives of remote learning, see where children are being resilient and learning to be independent learners.

Candler also reports that she sees what kids are searching on their school-issued computers and there has been some inappropriate searching going on. A good resource for parents is a website called amaze.org. She says I always tell kids your curiosity is developmentally appropriate what you google is not.

#### SCC report-Elisabeth Bennett:

A lot of what was discussed was the going back to school plan. Also there was discussion of making the next SCC meeting a combined meeting so for an update to school reopening and to encourage more SCC participation. She suggests that we should ask for feedback or ideas about what some concerns are.

#### Treasure's Report- Rachel Preslar:

The fall fundraiser did extremely well. We do have some income here and there. The district bought some art cards. She has sent the PTA fine arts support payment to Ms. Mills for \$30,000. She reports that usually a second payment is made on June 1 for \$25,000, but that is likely to be less this year.

#### **Action items:**

#### Blind Auction:

Bucher reports that there are 27 auction items that her son has made digital images of for the PTA website. It is a blind bid auction where you submit bid and if you win you win. A few days before the end we will send out an email to let people know what the high bid is so if people want to up their bid they can. We don't want to hold onto these items much longer. If no bids are received for an item they will be given to the teacher to decide what to do. Candler reports that there will not be an arts showcase this year because no one but students and staff are expected to be allowed in the building.

#### Joint SCC/PTA meeting Dec. 17 to discuss district back to school plan:

A joint meeting to discuss the back to school plan will be held on Zoom Dec. 17 at 3:15 p.m.

**Next. PTA Meeting scheduled for Jan. 8, 2021, 11 a.m.**