

PTA Meeting 9/8/17 - Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

In attendance: Kris Lipson (President), Meghan Looper (Vice President), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Val Stormont (Fund-raising), Stephanie Quintero, Tracie Sexton, DawnAnn Bullough, Carrie Skarda, Katherine Duncan, Caryl Fletcher, Gina Roper, Julie Livers, Brian Bevan, Brooke Scott, Paige St. Jeor, Dawn Ann Bullough, Lori Mercer, Deborah Candler, Delphine Node-Langlois, Ava Cabey, Anne Penrod, Rosann Greenway

Welcome & Introductions

Announcements:

1. Region 4 PTA meeting 9/12/17 from 10a-11 at SLC SD Office, 440 East 100 South, Rm. 113 will include members of the Region 4 board, and Dr. Lexi Cunningham, Superintendent

2. Mission/Elevator Speech - what does our PTA do and stand for? We began with this:

- Community Building
- Fundraising
- Teacher support & enrichment of student educational experience

The group briefly discussed these three items, and decided to include an arts focus to describe our commitment to an arts-integrated curriculum, thus:

- Community Building
- Arts-focused fundraising
- Teacher support & enrichment of student educational experience

School Reports:

Faculty report/ SIC - Dawn Ann Bullough

Faculty appreciates the support of the PTA; they have yet to meet for the new academic year;

Principal's Report - Deborah Candler

- On track for budget
- Strong enrollment at 455 students; 1st grade is lowest enrollment, 5th grade is highest; our official state count is 10/1/17, and this is the number that affects our funding and FTE designations
- Testing for lead in water underway
- Staffing - two veteran teachers, new to Wasatch include Allie Crofts in Kindergarten, and Krista Findley-Anderson, 5th grade; Meghan Looper is the Tier 2 interventionist for grades 4-6; Rachel Preslar is the technology specialist
- 9/29 - teacher professional development day will feature Curtis Linton who will assist teachers and staff in addressing issues to achieve our SIP goal to close the gap
- 10/23 - teacher professional development writing workshop Lucy Calkins: The Reading & Writing Project

SCC (School Community Council) report - Tracie Sexton

First meeting of the school year is 9/21 at 315p; the Council had 5 openings, received 6 ballots and Council decided to include all who wish to serve

Tracie and Deborah have attended PLC's Professional Learning Committees to re-imagine School Community Councils; purpose is not only to ensure Councils meet state requirements, but that Councils are welcoming and inclusive; how do we actively attract marginalized families? Deborah and Tracie are discussing the best ways to approach this at Wasatch

Emergency backpacks to be stocked, assessed and organized by roughly 10/1/17; Brian Bevan suggested his Cub Scout troop assist

SCC continues to support the S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods program spearheaded by Jenn Hein and an interested group of Wasatch Elem citizens

Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

1. Distributed current balance sheet, and explained how to interpret it

2. Funding proposals and group vote (5):

Rachel reviewed our funding process: interested party fills out PTA funding request form, PTA Treasurer addresses request at PTA meeting and all vote at PTA meeting - not over email, not just a few members- and the majority rules

- a) Drill for custodian - approved but with discussion for need for District funding: Deborah will approach the District once more
- b) Rachel Preslar, Technology Specialist: 3M mounting pieces for computers for headphone - approved ~\$75
- c) Dawn Ann Bullough for faculty: Electric staplers - approved
- d) 4th grade teachers: science curriculum booklets \$171 - approved
- e) Deborah Candler: Teacher Professional Development Writing Workshop which addresses our SIP goal to close the achievement gap between low and non-low-income students \$3500 - approved after discussion about the writing curriculum, and the PTA budget process and spend-down option

3. Reviewed easy/small ways to raise money for Wasatch: Julie Livers will solicit Box Tops next week by placing flyer in Star Folder, DawnAnn will publicize Box Tops on our FB page, and Rachel will update the school web site:

Box Tops: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

AmazonSmile (PTA Utah Congress Wasatch Elementary PTA)
Smith's Rewards

Agenda (discussion) items

Fall Fundraiser - Valerie Stormont

Dates: September 22-October 13

Val distributed the fund-raising handout that will go into Star folder the week of 9/11. Val also reviewed the current schedule and ideas for the campaign, as well as how this Fall campaign fits into our overall fund-raising plan. Fall fund-raiser's goal is \$40k and should we achieve that goal, the fund-raiser will be complete. The committee has thought of ways to increase participation and increase the amount of financial donations. The PTA group brainstormed ideas for a student service component of the fund-raiser - how can Wasatch give back to our community? Val will address this at the 9/11/17 faculty meeting.

Val asked for volunteers to help with the roll-out assembly, final dance party, and pizza party for grade with highest participation.

Room parent coordination - Stephanie Quintero

Stephanie will hold orientation for room parents on 9/22/17 at 1p; there are as many as five or six teachers without room parents; Stephanie will address those teachers, and PTA members could encourage other parents to pitch in to volunteer

Bulletin board - Stephanie Quintero

Rachel will publish a schedule of events for the bulletin board, and whoever is in charge of an event can decorate during that time of the year

New parents/mentoring - Gina Roper

In shaping what this program could look like, Gina has identified two parts to it 1) work with our two underserved communities to draw in the parents and families to Wasatch,

and 2) making sure new Kindergarten parents are in the loop and feel welcome and informed. Deborah Candler and Gina have briefly met to discuss (1) and Gina has created a flyer for the K parents that she will have the K teachers review (2).

Yearbook

We need a yearbook coordinator, pronto. PTA members should think about whom they know who might be interested, and reach out to them.

Next meeting: 10/6/17 @ 11a, Library

Snacks: DawnAnn Bullough - sweet
Stephanie Quintero - savory