

PTA Meeting 8/31/18 -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), Julie Lewis, Gina Roper, Anna Martin, Vorn Bullough, Dawn Ann Bullough (SIC), Whitney Childers (\$), Jen Oscarson, Jake Parkinson

Excused: Augusta Comey (Volunteer Co-ord), Julie Lyon (SCC)

**1. Welcome & Introductions-** Valerie Stormont

**2. Announcements:** Deborah Candler: Back to school BBQ a success; changes for next year may include reversing the order so that parents start in classrooms and end up on playground for dinner; adding PTA merchandise/tabling

**3. School Reports**

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

- i. Teachers planning/budgeting for \$1000/yr/grade grants from PTA
- ii. Reading rocks planning underway, a fun way to encourage kids' creativity and reading
- iii. West High counselor Lisa Sandstrom needs service volunteers

b. Principal's report-Deborah Candler

- i. EEP Education Equity Plan includes S.M.A.R.T. goals for faculty; working toward reading: 80% typical or above by 2019; emphasis on growth in particular not necessarily proficiency
- ii. Ms. Candler is collaborating with Cynthia Holt at Salt Lake Education Foundation to increase communication with them; Wasatch database of funders possibly beneficial to Valerie Stormont and Whitney Childers for fund-raising

iii. [Playworks](#) up and running; Wasatch staff is working out kinks and expecting kids' recess to positively reflect influence of this new program

iv. Staffing changes:

Matt Mitchell (4th).

Grade 1-2 interventionist Meherban Khasa,

Grade 3-4ish interventionist: Anna Martin

Grade 4-6 interventionist: Katherine Stroud

v. Are there extra copies of older yearbooks in workroom?

vi. Valley Behavioral Health services unlikely to be an option for Wasatch this year due to VBH staffing challenges

#### c. SCC (School Community Council) –Valerie Stormont for Julia Lyon

- i. Julia Lyon is Chair
- ii. For 18/19, no elections are necessary to serve on Council; all are also welcome to attend meetings
- iii. 1st meeting is 9/20/18 in Library at 315p; healthy snacks for kids included

#### d. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Preslar

- i. Distributed UT state PTA paperwork related to finances and ethics for signatures
- ii. Distributed current balance sheet
- iii. Rachel will report teacher grant spending at meetings; n.b. we have designated \$1000/grade/year
- iv. \$60,000-65,000 covers drama, music & studio art instruction, supplies for town meetings and classroom art supplies for Arts Showcase

#### e. Art - Julie Lewis

Family art night will be March 7, 2019 from 6-8p

#### f. Volunteer Coordinator -Augusta Comey

No September requests; October will be a busy volunteer-related month

#### 4. Discussion items

##### a. Website (Whitney Childers)

- i. wasatchpta.com includes an online store for school merchandise available for pickup at the school. Meghan Looper and Rachel Preslar will "deliver" merchandise to kids after online orders;
- ii. [please join the PTA!](#) Be aware, stay informed, we love our school;
- iii. new email marketing service, MailChimp, in place to manage PTA communications.

##### b. Vision Van (Dawn Ann Bullough) -

- i. Would PTA fund subsidized cost of glasses for kids who fail vision test? Discussion to continue in October.

##### c. Funding (Valerie Stormont):

- i. Dawn Ann Bullough motioned and Gina Roper seconded the motion to fund Wasatch PTA operating expenses including:

wasatchpta.com registration & hosting

PTA email addresses

Signup Genius

Office supplies

All in favor, vote passed

- ii. Do we need to limit field trips since PTA pays for transportation, and receives about half the costs reimbursed from requests to families? Not quite yet.

- iii. \$63,000 is the rough expected art payment for 18/19

d. Room parents

- i. Stephanie Quintero has offered to coordinate, and group enthusiastically supported this! Our school needs a new coordinator in 19/20, so let's put the call out for an interested volunteer this year to learn from Stephanie;
- ii. Suggest a check-in meeting in February to discuss teacher appreciation

e. Boxtops

- i. Rachel Preslar is on it.

f. Halloween Carnival (Vorn Bullough)

- i. Haunted house? Dance party? Combo of two?
- ii. Group discussed changing food service from cafeteria to food trucks; we would like to make sure there are affordable options for all families, and a safe place for kids to eat, etc.

g. Fundraising (Whitney Childers)

- i. When Whitney sold RallyMe, she grandfathered the agreement that Wasatch keeps the 2% commission from the fund-raising platform, thus ensuring Wasatch keeps about 97-98% of money raised; thank you, Whitney.
- ii. 9/14/18 - launch (20-minute assembly) - 10/1/18
- iii. Considering contests for money raised, number of participants, and a 30-second thank-you video contest
- iv. Working with teachers directly, as opposed to room parents since room parents may not be firmly set by beginning of fundraiser so early in the year
- v. Incentives: what do kids get fired up about re: prizes? Movie + PJ party? Dance party? Ms. Candler dressed up in costume? All of the above?

Next meeting: 10/5/18 @ 11a in Library : all welcome

Meghan: sweet snack

Rachel: savory snack