

PTA Meeting 11/2/18 -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), Julie Lyon (SCC), Lauren Bucher (Showcase), Julie Livers (Hospitality), Gina Roper, Vorn Bullough, Dawn Ann Bullough (SIC), Heather Hammerschmidt, Stephanie Quintero, Meredith Peterson

Excused: Augusta Comey (Volunteer Co-ord)

1. Welcome & Introductions- Valerie Stormont

2. Approved **minutes** from 10/5/18 meeting; will be posted on Wasatch school web site

3. Announcements

a. Thank you to Vorn Bullough and Anna Martin for a fun, successful Halloween carnival!

b. Thank you to Julie Livers, Meredith Peterson for dinners during SEP's.

c. Thank you to Dawn Ann Bullough and Meghan Looper for running another great Story Cupboard Book Fair; Dawn Ann also hosted an author talk by Molly Brooks on 10/26/18;

4. School Reports

a. SCC (School Community Council) –Julia Lyon

i. Internet safety discussed during October meeting; Julia asked PTA members or input re: addressing the topic with and/or without kids; Rachel Preslar will continue to promote and share the resources we already have as well as activities she and Dawn Ann Bullough already do for Wasatch

ii. Julia asked for input related to Bryant; Deborah Candler will contact Larry Madden, Bryant Principal to invite him to speak to our community; we will invite Ensign Elementary; suggest inviting current Bryant students who are Wasatch alumni; event will be scheduled for end of Nov/beginning of Dec

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

- i. Reiterated thank yous from faculty for dinners during SEP's
- ii. Reviewed PTA approval for Vision Van glasses purchases
- iii. Playworks topic of discussion at SIC

c. Principal's report-Deborah Candler

- i. [Playworks](#) sent a coach during the week of 10/9 to observe kids and offer feedback about Wasatch's implementation; Wasatch scored consistently high, >3 out of 4; next steps are to decide if Wasatch will implement junior coaches, that is 4, 5, 6 graders
- ii. Deborah participated at a kindergarten information night hosted by [CCNS](#) on 10/24/18; Deborah would like support to introduce community families to Wasatch since those tours during the school day interfere with her typical daily responsibilities; PTA committed to one day/month to host tours and promote Wasatch
- iii. Battery recycling in effect

d. Fund-raising wrap-up - Whitney Childers

- i. \$51,118 total raised, increase in online contributions and 40% of contributions covered online fees; received donations from 29 states; out of more than 450 donations, more than 200 of them were over \$100, 60 of the 450+ were for more than \$200
- ii. thank you note writing begins on November 30th at 1p
- iii. six classrooms made thank you videos, and all of them will be acknowledged

e. Treasurer's /Tech Support / Art Cards / Room Parent Report - Rachel Preslar does it all

- i. On current balance sheet, Rachel included teacher purchases funded by the flat rate we authorized at the beginning of the year; we just made one of the large payments, i.e. >\$30000, for art specialists' salaries
- ii. Parent Anne Bialowas will coordinate room parents
- iii. Art cards order forms will be sent home in Star folders 11/5 and due 11/9
- iv. Community directory printing is delayed; email addresses may not be included in directory according to District policy; PTA members may email our School Board representative, Katherine Kennedy katherine.kennedy@slcschools.org to provide opinions about this issue; Rachel anticipates directories will be printed and distributed before winter break

f. Volunteer Coordinator -

- i. Augusta thanked the community for volunteering in October for many activities including vision screening, picture day, dinners for SEP's, book fair, and Halloween Carnival

5. Discussion items

a. Service project planning

- i. Faculty -driven and will benefit West High School, our neighborhood school and provide opportunities to involve all grades at Wasatch, most likely during February
- ii. 5th grade kids are organizing a food drive during December;

b. Environmentally-focused projects

- i. Meredith Peterson and group brainstormed ideas to involve Wasatch kids in various aspects of environmental stewardship; will discuss again in December; during November, members encouraged to find out information from connections they have to various organizations, e.g. hazardous materials, electronics, plastics, Shred-it, about hosting some type of community recycling event or program like Green School certification

- ii. Meredith has organized marker recycling at Wasatch

c. PTA recruiting of younger kids' parents - Valerie Stormont

- i. Valerie expressed that many of the same PTA members continue to volunteer time for events; how can we involve those parents of younger kids? Whitney suggests we take names of new members from web site, and current members contact new folks personally; we all agree that personal contact is key to recruiting; Deborah Candler also points out what a strong PTA and SCC we already have, and that our community is totally awesome

Next meeting: 12/7/18 @ 11a in Library : all welcome

Any volunteers to bring snack?