

PTA Meeting 12/8/2018 – Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00 am

In attendance: Val Stormont (President), Meghan Looper + Baby Jocelyn (Vice Pres), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Stephanie Quintero (taking minutes for Cory Pike), Deborah Candler (Principal), Julie Lyon (SCC), Lauren Bucher (Showcase), Delphine Node-Langois (Showcase), Dawn Ann Bullough (SIC), Julie Livers (Hospitality), Augusta Comey (Volunteer Coordinator), Heather Hammerschmidt, Gina Roper, Whitney Childers, Julie Lewis, Anna Martin

Excused: Cory Pike (Secretary)

1. Welcome & Introductions – Valorie Stormont
2. Approved minutes from 11/2/2018 meeting; will be posted on Wasatch web site
3. Announcements
 - a. Bryant Middle School Information Night – well attended; audience included Wasatch and Ensign families. Thank you Deborah for bringing this event together!
 - b. Additional appreciation and thanks to the crew who got together to write Thank You cards for the Fall Fundraiser on Friday, November 30, 2018.
4. School Reports
 - a. SIC – DawnAnn Bullough
 - i. Sixth Grade teachers would like to replace outdated classroom library books; looking into funding options.
 - b. Principal's Report – Deborah Candler
 - i. Cyberbullying incident involving sixth grade students; concerns being worked out and handled according to Federal Title 9 Guidelines by Deborah and School District together.
 - ii. Sheila Jaymes is working with teachers and students as she introduces Second Step, a social-emotional learning program provided to schools by the District which promotes social-emotional development, safety and well-being; program also addresses bullying prevention and child protection.
 - iii. Interest in hosting a family event on January 29, 2019 (tentative) focused on Internet Safety to help provide information and resources to parents and students;

possible topics include online citizenship, internet safety, appropriate behaviors, parental monitoring, etc.; Dawn Ann to reach out to Netsmart; Val (Charles) to reach out to D.A.'s Internet Crimes Against Children task force for ideas, speakers, resources, etc..

- iv. Odyssey House counselors will be coming to Wasatch beginning in January; will work with their students and also a few other Wasatch students after winter break.
- c. SCC – Julia Lyon
 - i. Recent SCC Training attended by Julia
 - ii. Discussion about the possibility of lobbying members of Utah State Legislature to address education funding and other concerns; Val to reach out to State Senator Derek Kitchen, State Representative Jennifer Provost-Dailey, City Councilmember Chris Wharton, and SLCS School Board Member Kathrine Kennedy to invite them to tour Wasatch to discuss funding and counseling struggles (possible dates: 1/14/19 or 1/25/19); suggestion that Val, Deborah and Kathrine Kennedy have a separate meeting prior to the legislators/councilmember visit to determine most crucial issues to discuss during their tour; also discussion regarding possible citizen lobbying day effort and watching for issues during the Legislative Session that may impact education/schools and speak up as they present themselves.
- d. Arts Showcase – Lauren Bucher and Delphine Node-Langois
 - i. Traditionally, Arts Showcase has focused on the visual arts and there is interest in brainstorming for ways to bring more of the other arts (drama, music, dance) into Arts Showcase Night.
 - ii. Need for more parents to serve on Arts Showcase Committee; Deborah to ask each grade to find 1-2 parents to serve on the committee
 - iii. First Arts Showcase Committee Meeting to be held at 10 am on January 11th.
- e. Treasurer Report – Rachel Preslar
 - i. Old PTA order form included a “Students in Need” line, which was also a line on the budget. Now that the old form is obsolete, this line has been removed from budget.
 - ii. Amazon Smiles Donation funds used to pay for student eyeglasses; Rachel following up with question over doctor fees on the bill.

- iii. Grade level grant spending update: grades have been allotted \$1,000; determined that the PTA will not fund over that amount; amounts in excess of \$1,000 must come from other teacher/grade budgets.
- iv. The company that we order our T-Shirts from is no longer making youth sized v-neck shirts.
- v. School Directory Update: 113 responses from survey at the time of this meeting; Deborah to email survey out to all families again; only those who complete survey confirming inclusion will be included in the directory; survey to end Monday, 12/10/2018; Rachel will try to order the week of 12/10 in the hopes of receiving directories before Winter Break.

5. Discussion Items

- a. Service Project
 - i. A Mindfulness group will be coming to meet with faculty about a new program.
 - ii. DawnAnn to spearhead and check-in with faculty re: West High Food Bank service project, aiming for January 22nd kick-off with kits being made/distributed in early February. Volunteers will be needed to help organize.
 - iii. Update on Earth Day Recycling Event moved to January PTA meeting.