

PTA Meeting 3/8/19 -Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

Present: Val Stormont (President), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Deborah Candler (Principal), Lauren Bucher (Showcase), Augusta Comey (Vol), Paige St. Joer, Stephanie Quintero, Brian Cameron-Bevan, Julie Livers (Hospitality), Delphine Node-Langlois (Showcase), Julia Lyon (SCC), Anna Martin

Excused: Meghan Looper, Dawn Ann Bullough

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**2. Approval of minutes**

Approved 2/1/19 meeting minutes – updated to reflect both Holly Clark and Rachel Preslar’s comments related to the inflatables vendor at the Family Fun Festival; began quick discussion re: funding options for Family Fun Festival – tabled for future meeting closer to event in June; approved minutes posted on the Wasatch school web site:

<http://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>

**3. Announcements**

Thank you to community for making so many recent events successful: Julie Livers for parent-teacher conference meals; Augusta Comey and Rachel Preslar for Bake Sale support, Dawn Ann Bullough for Book Fair and West High Food Pantry service project, Julie Lewis for Family Art Night

#### 4. School Reports

##### a. Valerie Stormont for Dawn Ann Bullough SIC (School Improvement Committee)

i. No Scholastic Fair next year; The Story Cupboard is a higher-quality option, given Scholastic's poor book selection and reliance on/abundance of trinkets/tchotchkes/knickknacks/doodads that the kids find irresistible.

##### b. Principal's report-Deborah Candler

i. Asked group for feedback related to class list publication schedule; keep as is:  
August 1

ii Kindergarten

-assessment changes for 19/20: kids will require an assessment before school begins in order to be considered for full-day kindergarten;

-Deborah asked for feedback re: should full-day Kindergarten requests be limited to in-bounds families?

iii. Wasatch slated to receive 9-10% increase in LAND Trust money to total roughly \$54000; plan to continue hiring interventionists, support of math program, and support for the changing science standards, especially for 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Kindergarten paraprofessionals will remain in all classrooms; Deborah considering creative funding/scheduling changes in order to staff lunch room to support kids

iv. Wasatch staffing changes for 19/20: Janice Farrell and Dawn Ann Bullough retiring; Nicole Parker leaving; Mr. Coleman; Caryn Willardsen transfer to 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Lois Horne retiring, and Deborah in process of restructuring English Language Development (ELD) program to come into compliance with state standards; Deborah is optimistic re: the talented, experienced pool of teachers who need reassignment



v. Plan to purchase 30-32 laptops, and carts plus a small number of classroom desk tops; kids will be responsible for their own earphones rather than supplying earphones for each machine i.e. earphones for kids, not for machines

vi. Wasatch Elementary will present @ Board of Education 4/9/19 at 630, SLC SD Offices: 440 E 100 S; opportunity for public feedback during '19/20 regarding SLC School District boundaries may shift for Wasatch and Ensign

vii. Brian Bevan-C began discussion about foreign-language study options for Wasatch; Deborah Candler noted SLCSO is considering foreign-language programming

c. Volunteer – Augusta Comey

i. Thanks to local vendors for Bake Sale support; PTA earned about half the profits as previous years, given that the Bake Sale was one day and not two.

ii. Family Art Night – proceeds for evening's sales went to Ms. Penny's student group that support her work at Wasatch

d. SCC (School Community Council) –Julia Lyon

i. New Chair position open for 19/20;

e. Arts Showcase – Lauren Bucher

i. Next meeting 3/15/19 at 11:30a

ii. Whitney Childers asked to reserve space during the Showcase evening to record the next fund-raising video for 19/20

f. Treasurer's report – Rachel Preslar

- i. Distributed budget sheet; field trip fund is nearly depleted; how can teachers request field trip transportation funding from families? Deborah will remind teachers to ask families; consider online donation button on PTA web site; Whitney points out we have to give families a variety of options to give money;

**5. Discussion**

a. Hospitality

- i. Julie Livers out of town during Teacher Appreciation Week 4/8-4/12; she will make plan for this year's activities for volunteers to follow
- ii. Need to fill Hospitality position for 19/20

b. Officers for 19/20

Began discussion for next year's officers; Anna Martin volunteered to serve as Room Parent Coordinator for 19/20: thank you, Anna!

Next meeting: April 5, 2019

Snack: Cory Pike and Rachel Preslar;