

PTA Meeting 4/5/19 -Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

Present: Val Stormont (President), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Meghan Looper (Vice Pres), Deborah Candler (Principal), Dawn Ann Bullough (SIC), Lauren Bucher (Showcase), Delphine Node-Langlois (Showcase), Julia Lyon (SCC), Anna Martin, Diana Cabrales, Ivy Earnest, Nicole Olsen, Meredith Peterson, Sarah Clemensen

Excused: Julie Livers (Hospitality), Augusta Comey (Vol)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Lovely to see new faces – welcome.

2. Approval of minutes

Motioned by Rachel Preslar, seconded by Anna Martin to approve 3/8/19 meeting minutes with updates to reflect kindergarten assessment processes, foreign-language programming in process by SLCSd, proper name spelling for a 3/8/19 meeting attendee, ; approved minutes posted on the Wasatch school web site:

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

3. Announcements

Library Week in process – thank you, Dawn Ann Bullough for making it a success, as usual

4. Elections for PTA officers for 19/20 academic year

Motion by Anna Martin and seconded by Lauren Bucher to elect as a board: Valerie Stormont, President; Meghan Looper, Vice President; Rachel Preslar, Treasurer, and Cory Pike, Secretary; all in favor.



5. School Reports

a. SIC (School Improvement Committee) – Dawn Ann Bullough

- i. Acknowledged PTA's support for Wasatch faculty
- ii. Faculty asked for PTA support re: Halloween costume parade during 10/31 school day; this would be in addition to, not replacement of community Halloween carnival, held the Friday before Halloween; PTA members indicated their support for what teachers supported;

b. Principal's report-Deborah Candler

- i. Family Tech Night planned for 4/30/19 at 630p; lecture by Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce, then break-out sessions
- ii 19/20 faculty positions – after interviewing, Deborah has selected Lisa Defrance, James Fearick for 4th grade; they will join Matt Mitchell; Sarah Machol, 2nd grade; all three are current SLCSO employees; Deborah will also address Dawn Ann Bullough's position (Library/Media), and Lois Horne's position (ELD)
- iii. Wasatch Elementary will present @ Board of Education 4/9/19 at 4ish, SLCSO Offices: 440 E 100 S; SLCSO is engaged in discussions of boundary shifts for SLCSO to address changes in student enrollment – public will be invited to participate during the process;

c. SCC (School Community Council) –Julia Lyon

- i. Kindergarten Orientation 4/25/19 planning; Deborah Candler, Val Stormont and Julia Lyon will meet to create fact sheet/presentation materials; info will be available for *all* new families to Wasatch, not only new K families
- ii. Julia Lyon and SCC are seeking new members, and new Chair for 19/20



d. Arts Showcase – Lauren Bucher

- i. Next meeting 4/12/19 at 11a; Showcase is 5/17/19
- ii. Julie Lewis is working with West High School Culinary Arts Program to provide food service;
- iii. Committee is soliciting live entertainment options to attract attendees to auction and community gallery areas
- iv. Valerie Stormont will contact JCC for possible lend of highboy tables

e. Volunteer

- i. All slots for Teacher Appreciation Week are filled

f. Treasurer's report – Rachel Preslar

- i. Noted change to budget line re: yearbook costs; vendor will charge deposit this spring while we are also paying last year's cost;
- ii. Field trip funds are double the cost budgeted; will adjust in 19/20 budget, and boost additional and convenient ways for families to donate funds at the beginning of the year;
- iii. Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/> is an easy way to donate money to Wasatch, as is Smith's Inspiring Donations <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/topic/inspiring-donations>

5. Discussion

a. Sustainability Update- Meredith Peterson

- i. Reduction of single-use plastics in not only Wasatch but all schools within SLCSO cafeterias is a challenge; after considerable effort, Meredith located an ally within the District who suggested parents have more potential banding together than one at a time; need to involve additional PTAs and SCCs; Wasatch is coordinating an Earth Day letter-writing campaign to SLCSO regarding reduction of single-use plastics; Julia Lyon will write press release



b. Yoga Forward – Sarah Clemensen

i. Taking Yoga Where It Isn't – with PTA's support, Deborah Candler will consult with faculty for Denise Druce's organization <https://yogaforward.org/> to teach teachers how to teach kids yoga that could be beneficial for overall wellness, mindfulness, test-taking strategies, indoor recess movement breaks and "kid resets" for classroom behavior management

c. Teacher Appreciation Week: 4/8 – 4/12/19 – Meredith Peterson

i. Schedule is set; PTA gifts purchased; Emailing parents is still a challenge; Deborah will let parents know during weekly call-out they can contact Valerie Stormont if they haven't heard from their room parent about supporting their kids' teacher during the week.

d. School lunch discussion – Ivy Earnest

i. Shouldn't it be possible that our kids eat a healthy, fresh lunch at school? What are the obstacles? Brigaid <https://www.chefsbrigaid.com/> is an organization started by former *NOMA* head chef Dan Giusti to bring professional chefs to cook in public schools – can we do the same, or at least discuss alternatives to what's offered now? Wasatch will begin at a micro-level to discuss food issues and investigate parents' interests;

e. Room Parent update – Anna Martin

i. Anna circulated a draft one-pager to distribute at the beginning of the academic year to help organize room parents for Wasatch

Next meeting: May 3, 2019

Snack: Val (savory) and Meghan (sweet);

