

PTA Meeting 9/6/19 -Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

Present: Meghan Looper (Vice Pres), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Whitney Childers (Fundraising), Augusta Comey (Volunteers), Deborah Candler (Principal), Beth Tanner (SIC), Lauren Bucher (Arts Showcase), Delphine Node-Langlois (Arts Showcase), Julie Lewis, Julia Lyon, Anna Martin, Meredith Peterson, Marcel Paret, Jordi Duran, Bryan Wilson, Paige St. Jeor, Debbie Hummel, Ezra Jones, Bri Henke, Carrie Skarda,

Excused esp. b/c she is in the Galápagos: Val Stormont (President)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Lovely to see new faces – welcome to the new year!

2. Announcements

Arts Showcase Meeting 9/20/19, 1130a, Conference Rm next to Main Office

3. School Reports

a. SIC (School Improvement Committee) – Beth Tanner

- i. HVAC needs repairs; Wasatch is writing to SLCS and Board for help to solve problem
- ii. Beth has started digital citizenship promotion and conversations with all students; responsible tech usage is a focus of the Library and Wasatch as a whole
- iii. Wasatch has a 10,000-books reading goal for 19/20; Beth Tanner is planning a final celebration event in April/May “Books, Bagels, Buddies” and **needs special visitors; please send any contacts to Beth.**

b. Principal’s report-Deborah Candler



i. Family Tech Night co-hosted with Ensign Elementary 9/19/19, 530-730p at Wasatch to learn about online resources for students and families including resources for good digital citizenship and online safety; educational tech reps from Lexia, ST Math, Eureka, Powerschool, and UEN will be present; 10/24/19 is Family Health Night co-hosted with Ensign at Ensign and will include flu shot clinic, meditation workshops, Love & Logic talks, and a Bike Rodeo;

ii. Avenues Street Fair – Deborah Candler is former organizer of Kids’ parade to kick off the Street Fair; parade now includes everyone, including pets! everyone welcome! 9a 9/7/19 at R St and 2nd Ave; Julie Lewis, long-time volunteer organizer of Community Gallery and Kids’ Art Gallery seeks a replacement for 2020 Street Fair

iii. Playworks-supported recess underway; Playworks is an organization that promotes positive and fair play at recess to increase participation and decrease tension and class disruption after recess time; for 19/20, Wasatch has a Playworks coach for one week/month; Junior Coaches Program will train kids in grade 4-6 as recess aides; Due to Utah’s Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA), Ms. Candler was able to fund Playworks through the regular Wasatch school budget.

iv. Maturation program for 5th graders now includes growingupfirst.org, a District-approved choice, as well as the SLCS D nurse-led program; suggestion that students and their families be able to attend both; Ms. Candler will investigate this option.

v. SSP (Student Success Plan); 80% of K-3 students will make typical or above typical growth in reading; 80% of 4-6 grade students will read at or above grade level; Gap goals address keeping students above grade level above grade level and moving those below grade level up.

c. SCC (School Community Council) –Julia Lyon reporting for Brandon Bennett

i. First meeting 9/19/19 at 315p in Library, and Julia, former SCC Chair encourages all parents to attend; Brandon Bennett is new Chair; SCC charged with allocating



SITLA (State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration) funds; Wasatch received \$44k in 18/19 to allocate toward interventionists geared toward improving student literacy;

d. Volunteer – Augusta Comey

i. Reviewed Book Fair dates: 10/7 – 10/11 in the Library; Meghan Looper and Beth Tanner will coordinate with Augusta for volunteer staffing

e. Treasurer's report – Rachel Preslar

i. Memberhub.com - PTA Membership Software is an online service that Utah PTA requires our officers to use; possible that all members of Wasatch PTA will have to use it, too; future topic for discussion: we need a clear answer to “why join the PTA?”

ii. Yearbook – Paige St. Jeor considering a vendor other than Jostens, given inventory and pricing concerns;

iii. Need to clean out PTA/1st grade workroom by little playground; Rachel will investigate further;

iv. PTA will purchase DirectorySpot, an online directory instead of printing directories; DirectorySpot ensures privacy, and is more efficient than the printing process; families will be able to opt-out;

v. 19/20 Budget distributed to group; after discussion related to grade-level grants, Rachel Preslar motioned that the PTA vote to include a \$1000 flex fund for unexpected teacher needs; Lauren Bucher seconded, and all in favor.



5. Discussion items

a. Fall fundraiser 9/20 – 10/ Whitney Childers

i. PTA will use Mightycause.com platform, fka Razoo.com to fund-raise; Whitney negotiated 2.2% plus \$.30/transaction; theme: “Art Connects Family”; grades will compete for dollar amounts raised, and participation; Whitney will present to faculty on 9/13/19 to inform and encourage their participation; Whitney will approach teachers first, room parents second; 10/3 is Dollar Day; Whitney will introduce wristbands with launch date + wasatchpta.com; no print postcards; need to decide incentives for kids: Dance party? Drum bus? Pizza party? DJ? Band?

Next meeting: October 4, 2019 11a, Library

Snack: Debbie Hummel (savory) and Beth Tanner (sweet);

