

PTA Meeting 10/4/19 -Science Rm, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

Present: Val Stormont (President), Meghan Looper (Vice Pres), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Whitney Childers (Fundraising), Augusta Comey (Volunteers), Deborah Candler (Principal), Beth Tanner (SIC), Anna Martin, Brian Bevan, Heather Hammerschmidt, Jen Oscarson, Meredith Peterson, Paige St. Jeor, Debbie Hummel, Ezra Jones

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes approval

Rachel Preslar motioned 9/6/19 minutes be approved with changes; Ezra Jones seconded, and all approved; minutes are posted <https://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>

3. Announcements

- a. PTA Advocacy Conference 10/15/19 9a-130p, Granite School District; see <https://www.utahpta.org/advocacy-conference-2019>
- b. Thank you to Whitney Childers for a successful Fall fund-raiser; our community raised more than \$45,000; closes at 11:59p 10/4/19, so during 10/4/19 afternoon call-out, Ms. Candler will remind our community that there is still time to donate.

4. School Reports

a. SIC (School Improvement Committee) – Beth Tanner

- i. After-school activities on the little playground need to be monitored by parents; ten minutes after school ends, kids need to go home unless a parent/guardian is present; school playground equipment needs to stay inside school and kids need to stay out (kids can bring their own balls to use after school);
- ii. Faculty considering all-school service focused on our local refugee population; PTA brainstormed additional ways to support such an initiative such as sending February Bake-Sale proceeds to refugee organizations; Julie Lewis is also planning to collaborate with The



Other Side Academy and LDSH **to do art?** Ms. Candler also is considering ways for our students to get into the community to perform and provide service.

b. Principal's report - Deborah Candler

- i. Students and families may attend both maturation programs "Growing up comes first" 4/9/20 and SLCS D School Nurse's presentation 4/10/20
- ii. Family Tech Night co-hosted with Ensign Elementary 9/19/19 was successful; participants each felt as though they received valuable information and coaching; 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;

c. SCC (School Community Council) -Meghan Looper reporting for Brandon Bennett

- i. First meeting 9/19/19 had small turn-out; reviewed procedures and rules; survey to be distributed by the District to random recipients regarding school start changes for older kids, bus times and start times for elementary school kids; please send feedback if you receive a survey; send feedback to our SLCS D District 3 Board representative, Katherine Kennedy katherine.kennedy@slcschools.org
- ii. HVAC capital funding addressed by District; funding ideas from Jen Oscarson suggested researching historic site tax rebates

d. Volunteer - Augusta Comey

- i. Upcoming volunteer needs:
 - Book Fair staffing: 10/7 - 10/11 in the Library;
 - Teacher dinners during SEP conferences 10/9-10/10; set up 430p, eat at 5p
 - Vision screening
 - Halloween carnival 10/25/19



ii. Ms. Comey is investigating signup.com to replace <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

e. Treasurer's report – Rachel Preslar

i. Art Cards – Jen Oscarson asked whether we should raise prices? No, they're an excellent value at one dollar/ea. Rachel Preslar will investigate whether we might sell artwork electronic images after the cards are printed.

ii. Rachel Preslar will distribute budget during week of 10/7;

5. Discussion items

a. Halloween Carnival – Valerie Stormont

Preparations well-underway for 10/25 including games, West High students and parent volunteers, zombie/cake walk, and scary stories; 2019 is Vorn Bullough's final Halloween 2020 carnival; would Anna Martin and/or Jen Oscarson be interested in taking the lead?

b. Increase volunteer participation – Valerie Stormont

- How can we increase PTA, SCC and Showcase, a hybrid Arts Committee + PTA endeavor participation at Wasatch?
- Need to increase at both manager level e.g. managing an event *and* committee level e.g. participating in that event across all aspects of service work;
- Brainstorm and discussion topics:
 - Consider PTA meeting schedule change; Beth Tanner will send a poll to our community to ask for feedback related to school service activities, and timing of meetings;
 - Bring a Friend to November meeting; personal connections are important to foster participation;



c. PTA By-law review – Valerie Stormont

We will vote to adopt by-laws at December meeting, which is 60 days after by-laws posted.

d. Directory – Rachel Preslar

- Rachel Preslar is printing the directory since the SLCSO CIO will not allow electronic directories to be published; send feedback to Katherine Kennedy Katherine.kennedy@slcschools.org and Sam Quantz, Chief Information Officer: <https://www.slcschools.org/departments/business-administration/information-technology/>
- Families will receive directories without charge since PTA budgeted for DirectorySpot costs

e. PTA workroom cleanout date 11/6 at 10a – Rachel Preslar

If you're an event manager, would you take a minute to clean out your area?

f. Fund-raising wrap-up – Whitney Childers

- Whitney's list of thank yous:
 - Rachel Preslar's help to track donations
 - Ms. Candler's support
 - Valerie Stormont for video support
 - Beth Tanner for social media publication
 - Meghan Looper for procuring wrist bands at her own expense;
 - everyone for their donations
- Faculty will determine DJ dance party dates, one event for K-3 and one event for 4-6
- Debrief meeting in November once Whitney has statistics related to donations; plans to revise/revamp for Fall 2020 fund-raiser to freshen up the campaign

Next meeting: November 1 2019, 11a, Library

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

