

PTA Meeting 12/6/19, Library, Wasatch Elementary @ 11:00am

Present: Val Stormont (President), Meghan Looper (Vice Pres), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Cory Pike (Secretary), Deborah Candler (Principal), Beth Tanner (SIC), Lauren Bucher (Showcase), Anna Martin (Room Parents), Meredith Peterson, Marcel Paret, Augusta Comey, Meredith Peterson, Leslie Reese, Debbie Hummel, Ezra Jones

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Announcements

- a. Deborah Candler will remind parents to be safe during drop-off and pick-up and to model appropriate behavior for our kids (!)
- b. Bryant Info night at Ensign Elementary 12/12/19 at 530p
- c. Wasatch winter chorus, band and orchestra concert 12/12/19 at 2p

3. Minutes approval

- a. Meghan Looper motioned 11/1/19 minutes be approved with changes; seconded by Beth Tanner, and all approved; minutes are posted <https://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>

4. School Reports

a. SIC (School Improvement Committee) – Beth Tanner

- i. Week in March for Wasatch community service related to Meadowlark Elementary
- ii. Science Fair preparation for 5th & 6th grades, 12/19/19
- iii. State of Utah has adopted new science standards; Wasatch is an early adopter; 6th grade is already participating;
- iv. Parents are not to contact kids on their phones or phone watches during the school day
- v. Students were surveyed on their emotional and social needs (SEL : Social & Emotional Learning); part of a national survey but neither data nor results available yet



vi. [Hour of Code](#) during week of Dec 9 for entire school

b. Principal's report - Deborah Candler

i. Reviewed Wasatch air quality policy: kids stay inside for recess when there is orange air, even though SLC School District says it's OK for kids to be outside; Wasatch needs to support both kids and teachers to create inside-recess plan for kids who need to stay active, or quiet to reset; parents support kids being safe inside and also support engaging, productive indoor activities

ii. Love & Logic begins anew Jan 8, 2020

iii. To address the challenge of waste reduction in the cafeteria, Deborah Candler has contracted Wasatch Resource Recovery to haul away recycled items; cost is \$88/month and is funded in part by the Wasatch generous families Oscarson and Terry and in part by money Deborah Candler has received from GreenFiber, a recycling vendor; students need to be educated about how to manage cafeteria waste; parents are welcome between 11a – 1220p for lunch duty to help kids figure it out;

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

i. Brandon Bennett discussed elections for SCC next year; elections might encourage attendance for representatives; also discussed returning to faculty grade-level representatives

d. Volunteer – Augusta Comey

December is a quiet month for PTA volunteer activities

e. Arts Showcase report – Lauren Bucher

Increased encouragement worked! Ms. Bucher reported on a productive meeting in on 11/17/19; committee is updating decorations; brainstorming new ways for families to interact with art, including arts experiences for adults that could encourage community-building with kids of different ages; next Showcase meeting is 1/24/20

f. Treasurer's report – Rachel Preslar



i. Distributed current budget sheet

ii. Reviewed art cards

iii. Wasatch pays for arts specialists in Dec and June; currently we have the money we need to do so! Because PTA is great.

iv. Valerie suggested PTA send a fund-raising email in December since many families are used to donating to organizations at end of calendar year; group decided to hold off since we want to focus on PTA donations call-outs during fall fund-raiser and Arts Showcase

5. Discussion items

a. Increase volunteer participation follow up – Beth Tanner

Beth Tanner reported on twenty survey results regarding PTA meeting times and impressions; no clear patterns emerge.

b. Role of room parents - Leslie Reese

Leslie Reese discussed the role of room parents including whether or not their responsibilities were toward the PTA or the teachers; Anna Martin, the room parent coordinator will have a meeting at the beginning of 2020 for room parents in order to review and clarify policies related to communication and email lists; Valerie Stormont and Anna Martin will meet ahead of time to review topics

c. PTA By-law review – Valerie Stormont

We will vote to adopt by-laws on 1/10/20 meeting.

Next meeting: 1/10/20

Snack: (savory) and (sweet);

