

PTA Meeting: September 3, 2021, 12:30 p.m., virtual zoom meeting

Present: Valerie Stormont (President), Debbie Hummel (Secretary), Adrienne Kumik (Principal), Elisabeth Bennett (Treasurer), Augusta Comey (Volunteer Coordinator) Beth Tanner (Librarian), Brandon Bennett (SCC Chair) Julia Lyon, Jen Oscarson, Paige St. Jeor, Risa Drew, Kim Ludlow, Sara Wikstrom Schulze, Tim Lee, Emma Hinckley, Shane Johnson, Sara Wallace, Mary McCormick, Nikhil Thakur, Nicole Vallieres, Tarrin Price, Milena Gevorgyan, Jasmine Furnish, Erika Becerra.

Welcome and Introductions:

Valarie welcomes all to the meeting and is happy to see so many attendees.

Announcements and Minutes approved from May virtual meeting:

Elisabeth Bennett approves March minutes, Jen Oscarson seconds. Minutes will be posted at:
<https://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-ptsa>

Valarie mentions Girls on the run in need of four more girls in 4-6 grades to join so they can form a fall team. Also, the Wasatch PTA is in need of a Vice President and the fundraising coordinator, Whitney Childers, will be leaving after this year. It would be nice to find someone to take her place who could shadow her this year to learn the role.

School reports:

Principal's Report- Adrienne Kumik: Kumik gives her first principal's report for Wasatch PTA. She says things are running smoothly. A challenge has been getting the tables cleaned between lunch groups. Students have been doing well picking up all of the expectations due to the pandemic. She said it is nice that in person assessments have been taking place so that any little deficits can be found. There are good plans in place for interventions, etc.

Parent Shane Johnson asked about COVID protocols. Kumik says the school is following the district's protocols. If someone in a child's class tests positive parents will get a note. The school then has a list of things to report such as whomever was near that person, if it was mask to mask, no mask etc. The district has hired COVID technicians who review that. After we report who was in contact for how long, etc., those the technicians deem necessary will get a personal call with more information and next steps.

Parent Julia Lyon asked about whether the school could offer COVID testing? Kumik says schools are having a hard time getting testing. Even at Highland High the wait is very long. It's very unlikely we'll have it at the elementary school because of space. The high schools have been the focus for testing because of the test-to-play program for athletics.

Parent Sara Wikstrom Schulze offers that IHC has a self service testing option available at the 900 E. InstaCare location.

Parent Jen Oscarson asks will there be an online option if our kids do get quarantined? Kumik offers that the Health Department has a COVID dashboard that will report the numbers that will indicate when a school will have to go entirely remote. The district policy is not to do virtual classes if an individual student is quarantined. But Kumik says she is having conversations with our faculty about

how Wasatch will handle that. Right now there isn't a plan to do that for quarantine.

Also, Adrienne says If your student comes to school sick and the symptoms are any of the COVID symptoms, they do need to get a test for COVID after 7 days or the school can accept a doctor's diagnosis that the illness is not COVID related. She encourages parents to email or call if they have any more specific questions. Kumik says she is interested in collaboration, particularly during these times. She encourages parents to reach out with any suggestions or ideas.

SCC report-Brandon Bennett:

The School Community Council will hold its first meeting on September 16th at 3:25 p.m. on Zoom. Bennett says he wants to encourage participation. The SCC helps make decisions about the school's budget, how School Trust Land funds are allotted, as well as getting information about construction projects and putting together the school's safety backpacks for students. He asked about whether people prefer Zoom for meeting, which was the preference of most.

SIC Report-Beth Tanner:

The School Improvement Council, which holds meetings between members of the faculty and the Principal, have not held their first meeting of the year yet.

Treasure's Report- Elisabeth Bennett:

She presented the budget and explains how things are listed. Stormont says that she thinks the Art's Showcase fundraiser goal will be \$40,000 and not the \$50,000 listed. Bennett says she will need to have the PTA officials meet to sign some documents at the credit union. To make things official in the minutes Hummel nominates Stormont to be PTA president and Oscarson seconds. All in favor.

Volunteer Coordinator- Augusta Comey:

Introduces herself. She will send out emails looking for volunteers as needed. In the past this has included for events at the school and the PTA dinners that are provided during Student Educator Conferences. It's not clear yet how those things will look this year.

Discussion/Action items:

Fall Fundraiser (Valerie Stormont reports for Whitney Childers): The school switched from selling things to an online crowd funding fundraiser a few years ago. It is a much better option because everybody can chip in and everything is helpful. The fundraiser is scheduled from Sept. 27 – Oct. 8. The goal is \$40,000. The hope is to get 100 percent participation. It's helpful if parents and students are willing to share information about the fundraiser with family and friends. Matching donors are appreciated. The school will start promoting it the week of Sept. 20. Childers, who has been responsible for helping with the fundraiser for the last several years will be leaving the post after this year and Stormont encourages anyone interested to let the PTA know so Childers can help share with them what she has been doing.

Halloween Carnival (Jen Oscarson): Last year instead of the usual evening carnival in the school we did a car parade. Oscarson is hoping that we can graduate to something more of a hybrid with people coming to the school grounds for something outside, a walking parade or something on the large

playground. She would like donations to help with goody bags and help with planning. She will be holding a meeting Friday Sept. 10 on Zoom to discuss ideas.

Book Fair (Beth Tanner): The Story Cupboard is planning to do in-person book fairs this year. It will be held October 18-22. She will be needing help with set up in the afternoon of Oct. 13 starting at 2:30-2:45 p.m. I'm hoping to have some browsing hours just for kindergarten parents. On the 21st and 22nd she will need more volunteers to help run the book fair after school because she will be attending the National School Librarians Conference being held in Salt Lake City. She will have Augusta Comey send out a sign up for these volunteers.

Next PTA Meeting will be Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m. on zoom.