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

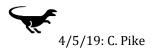
ii 19/20 faculty positions – after interviewing, Deborah has selected Lisa Defrance, James Fearick for 4th grade; they will join Matt Mitchell; Sarah Machol, 2nd grade; all three are current SLCSD employees; Deborah will also address Dawn Ann Bullough's position (Library/Media), and Lois Horne's position (ELD)

iii. Wasatch Elementary will present @ Board of Education 4/9/19 at 4ish, SLCSD Offices: 440 E 100 S; SLCSD is engaged in discussions of boundary shifts for SLCSD 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

<u>f. Treasurer's report – Rachel Preslar</u>

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 <u>https://smile.amazon.com/</u> is an easy way to donate money toWasatch, 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 SLCSD 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 SLCSD regarding reduction of single-use plastics; Julia Lyon will write press release



<u>b. Yoga Forward – Sarah Clemensen</u>

i. Taking Yoga Where It Isn't – with PTA's support, Deborah Candler will consult with faculty for Denise Druce's organization <u>https://yogaforward.org/</u> to teach teachers how to teach kids yoga that could be beneficial for overall wellness, mindfulness, testtaking 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;

<u>e. Room Parent update – Anna Martin</u>

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);

