

PTA Meeting: March 12, 2021, 11 a.m., virtual zoom meeting

Present: Meghan Looper (President), Lauren Bucher (Vice President), Debbie Hummel (Secretary), Deborah Candler (Principal), Rachel Preslar (Treasurer), Beth Tanner (Librarian), Elisabeth Bennett (SCC Chair), Whitney Childers (fundraising), Cindy Mills (School Secretary), Meredith Peterson, Paige St. Jeor, Julia Lyon.

Welcome and Introductions:

Meghan Looper welcomes all to meeting. Introduction.

Announcements and Minutes approved from February virtual meeting:

No announcements from PTA. Beth Tanner approves January minutes. Deborah Candler seconds. Minutes will be posted at: <https://wasatch.slcschools.org/community/parent-teacher-association-pta>

School reports:

Faculty Report- Beth Tanner:

Good news about cafeteria food waste School is saving 7500 lbs of food waste from going to the landfill. Continuing to look for ways to waste less. During the pandemic people have taken to using the large playground as a park. There have been a lot of people and dogs on the playground or just hanging out and playing basketball. People on the field. We'll be getting some signs to let people know. So we're not going to have to deal with managing kids and adults. It's book fair! Email going out to let people know about the online book fair.

Principal's Report-Deborah Candler:

No Kindergarten May 18 and 20 no kind may 18 and 20 for testing.

The last day of school will be June 7 and it will be a half day.

For 6th grade promotion we are still being asked not to have big school gatherings. Probably outdoor parade. No end of year carnival. Working on ideas for how can we do arts showcase.

Current enrollment 377. Last year 444. every school is down across the state. I do anticipate that we are going to have a lot of people wanting to come back. We accepted 35 for the fall. The school budget has been cut half an FTE (Full-time Equivalent.) Candler working on how to absorb that, it's almost \$50K that I will have to use to pay for that halftime. We are getting cares money so I'm trying to see what we can keep going. Teachers said they don't want to lose any interventionists. Focus is keeping kindergarten paras and interventionists and an computer lab/IT specialist. We have more laptops than we've ever had (just got 35 new) so we need that extra tech support. Candler interviewing for job at Salt Lake Arts Academy.

SCC report-Elisabeth Bennett:

SCC meeting discussed device distribution in classrooms, recess and keeping equipment clean, SEP meetings. Next up, going to go over Land Trust goals with Deborah to prepare for meeting on 18th.

Treasure's Report- Rachel Preslar:

Preslar did not send out a new budget because there were no transactions. There is \$40,000 in savings and \$20,000 in checking. We have \$2000 in teacher grants available. This will be Preslar's last year as treasurer with only two PTA meetings left.

Discussion/Action items:

Officers for 21-22 school year:

Elisabeth Bennett maybe interested in treasure. Hummel will stay as secretary. Voting will be held at next months meeting.

Yearbooks:

St. Jeor says yearbooks are running behind. . She needs help with images of students' art work and more images in general.

Teacher Appreciation:

Coffee truck plan is in the works for Wednesday, April 7. Will be working on a flyer for teachers to send home to let parents know in case they want to do something. PTA will do gift cards again. Meredith to help. Meghan working on getting survey to teachers. Preslar says there is plenty in budget to help with coffee truck and gift cards. Others in PTA offer to donate if there is any need.

Arts Showcase:

The lead plan is to do a story walk-style event with the art on vinyl posters around the school grounds. QR codes to watch drama and music. There will be a meeting Friday the 19th of April to discuss ideas and then just pick one and go with it. Lauren taking the lead and can get vinyl done. Whitney will connect a QR code to the fundraising platform.

Other items:

Paige St. Jeor asks about if there is a way to have curriculum available for students who have to miss school because of illness. Just a way to see what assignments they can work on in Canvas or something so they can keep up at home.

Meredith suggests that 6th grade promotion be not on June 7.

Next. PTA Meeting scheduled for April 9, 2021, 11 a.m., on Zoom