

PAWS MEETING MINUTES

Friday October 2, 2020

Attendance: Abby Sharp, Alyssa Pagel, Annalee Hickman, Ashli Asay, Britney Wood, Carlee Dynes, Cheryl Bikman, Chris Fuhriman, Emily Craig, Heather Kelley, Jennifer Burnham, Joy Burton, Kristina Davis, Maggie Macintosh, Pam Smalley, Ruthann Snow. Steph Burt, Alyssa Pagel, Jen Burnham, Lindsay Wheeler

Welcome given by Emily Craig and Britney Wood (Presidents).

School Update: Principal's Message: Chris Fuhriman, Ruth Ann Snow

From Mr. Fuhriman: We currently have 2 COVID Cases. A note on the attendance policy: participation scores (rated on a scale of P0-P4) are given to students by teachers on Fridays. These participation scores are used to track how kids are engaging at home. During school days teachers are taking daily attendance. The district has stopped the automatic attendance robo calls that have gone out in years past.

Upcoming activities: Wasatch plans to hold in class Halloween parties, but there will be no school Halloween parade. Parent volunteers will not be allowed to participate during in class parties, but there will be a need for parent help in planning and organizing class parties with the teacher. Any help with treats, games, party materials etc, is much appreciated and will need to be dropped off to the teacher ahead of time. Room reps are encouraged to contact their teachers and see how they can assist. Parents will not be able to help in the room during the class party.

SEP conferences are likely to be held through zoom only. Sign up will be handled through signup genius and parents will be able to sign up for individual appointments.

The Veterans Day Assembly must be virtual. Mr. Fuhriman was open to suggestions or resources (videos, presenters) from the group. Emily Craig suggested that Gail Halvorsen, the WWII Candy Bomber, may be willing to create a zoom video for the students to watch. Students would be able to submit questions for Mr. Halvorsen to answer. Emily was asked to contact Mr. Halvorsen's daughter about the arrangements.

Mr. Fuhriman asked for feedback from the group of the overall mood of parents. Parents are excited for students to be back in school, but are concerned that the amount of homework in certain grades is too much. Some felt that students were doing too many paper packets. Ruthann Snow felt that teachers were feeling less overwhelmed and parents were understanding how to use Canvas better.

Discussion Items

Cheryl Bikman (Treasurer): Budget Budget Review: Income and Expenses:
We earned \$344.69 on t-shirt sales. We also received \$41.58 from the state of Utah as a sales tax refund.

Emily Craig: T-shirts Update

We just finished selling t-shirts and plan to offer sweatshirts by pre order only. If people would like to order more t-shirts, they can preorder those t-shirts when we pre order sweatshirts. We are also accepting nominations of names of students in need of a free t-shirt. Please let Emily Craig know. PAWS will remind teachers of the opportunity to nominate students.

We are seeking nominations for a new PAWS president and co-president for 2021-2022. Please contact the presidency if you are interested in serving or want to nominate someone.

Commissioner Chair Focus:

Health and Safety: Joy Burton, Carlee Dynes, Maggie Macintosh:

Bike-to-school week is next week. The city is taking care of it. Red Ribbon week is coming up and will focus on mental health as a preventative measure in later-life drug use (with a focus on suicide prevention). Age appropriate talking points will be created and released through online means (instagram) to help families have topic related discussions at home. Material for the talking points will come from sources published by the state of Utah. The material is not to instill fear in families, but provide families with ideas to think about and discuss with their children. Students can have in-home discussions and then may have the opportunity to win a family ice cream night. The topic of including sexual orientation and its role in mental health in the talking points was discussed. Mr. Fuhrman and Mrs. Snow will approve all talking points material before it is sent home to parents.

Community Involvement: Jen Burnham, Sharon Rowan:

Volunteers are needed for SEP dinners. A google signup sheet will be sent school-wide through Tonja Roberts in the main office. Room reps will not be responsible to find parent volunteers for their respective teachers. Parent volunteers will bring the restaurant-purchased dinner to the main office to minimize people moving through the building. The idea was suggested to have parents donate money to allow for a catered boxed dinner, rather than ask parents to purchase individual meals. The majority of those present favored this idea and it will be explored.

Fundraising: Kimber Nelson, Ashli Asay:

Kimber and Ashli plan to solicit donations to Wasatch by drafting a letter to send to local businesses and were open to ideas to ensure the letter won't be lost upon arrival. The suggestion was made to make personal phone calls to the businesses in addition to sending a letter. Donations are always necessary in order for PAWS to help meet the needs of Wasatch. This upcoming year is expected to be sparse in terms of PAWS being able to hold traditional fundraising. PAWS usually makes two major donations to Wasatch each year: money earned from the Fall Festival goes directly into Teachers' Expense accounts, all other money raised during the year is placed into a school gift in May. The type of gift varies based on Wasatch's needs. It was suggested to hold one direct fundraiser this year. Instructions to donate to PAWS through venmo are included on the PAWS webpage. Sponsorships from companies that could continue a revenue stream was also discussed.

It was also suggested that Wasatch create an online method to pay class donations. That is difficult to do based on current regulations. Some recommended paying class donations to Wasatch through personal bank online bill pay as a solution.

School Support: Pam Smalley, Marec Cavendar:

The science fair will be held in a virtual format. Students will prepare a short video, which will then be judged by parent volunteers through the use of a google form. Parents will have several days upon receiving the videos to complete the judging forms. A request for parent volunteers will be sent 2-3 weeks prior to the virtual fair. 20-30 judges are needed.

Calendar:

October	5-8	Safety/Bike to School Week	Health and Safety
	7	National Walk to School Day	
	15-19	<i>Fall Break, No School</i>	
	20-22	Red Ribbon Week	Health and Safety
	27	Picture Make-ups	
November	6	PAWS Meeting, Virtual, 12:30	
	4-6	SEP Conferences	
	5	Room Rep SEP dinner	Community Involvement
	11	Veteran's Day Assembly	
	20	Science Fair Submissions Due	School Support
	16-19	International Week	Family Life
	25-27	<i>Thanksgiving Break, No School</i>	

ON HOLD

Maturation Clinic
Junior Achievement Volunteer Training