

Uintah PTA Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Ellen Schwede, Alison Crockett, Liz Harris, Lorraine Traugher, Megan Gibbons, Stephanie Cheng

- Budget Update
 - We're doing ok with our reduced budget
 - We have a couple small expenses for Ms. Briggs-Cook's and Ms. Gannuscio's class, as they have their class parties for bringing in the most donations for Uintah Goes East
- Uintah Cares
 - Liz Harris presented the idea of doing service projects throughout the year with the students
 - These would be smaller in scale than our Uintah Goes East fundraiser
 - One idea was to involve Student Council
 - We could do quarterly projects to start—such as make hygiene kits or do a food drive
 - It was decided that we would not be able to start this year, but perhaps plan it for next year
 - Discussion will be on-going and we would need to find a chair for the program, so if anyone is interested, please contact Ellen at enschwede@gmail.com
 - Another issue discussed was possibly changing the recipient of our winter fundraiser
 - We do also feed in to Highland, but were informed that Dilworth holds a fundraiser to assist them
 - We would be open to discuss other schools/organizations to donate to
- PTA Positions
 - We have many positions in need of filling for the 2019-20 year!!! The list is below:
 - President
 - Co-President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Field Day (needed for this spring)
 - Yearbook Co-Chair (also needed now)
 - Fall Carnival Co-Chair
 - Ms. Murakami will not be able to take on the role of PTA President, per district rules
 - Ms. Murakami was very understanding and has decided to be more involved in the PTA as a teacher.
 - We elected to form a nominating committee; anyone wanting to be involved, please let Ellen know at enschwede@gmail.com.
 - So far, Alison Crockett agreed to be on the committee
- Watch D.O.G.S. Rebranding and Reboot
 - The Watch D.O.G.S. program had a bit of a rocky start, as the volunteer duties weren't clear
 - The volunteer position has been clarified: the volunteer sits with the kids at lunch and goes outside at recess and assists with their child's class
 - Also, we are allowing any family member to volunteer, so we will probably not use the Watch D.O.G.S. materials, as they are specifically a dad's volunteer organization
 - This discussion will be ongoing
- Yearbook
 - Jen Foth is heading up the yearbook, but would love to have a co-chair for assistance in collecting photos, etc.
 - Yearbook sales will most likely start in March
 - This year we will not be ordering yearbooks for all students

- We decided to use those funds to order t-shirts for all students
- Also, we can offer the yearbook at a reduced price
- Science Fair and Fest
 - The Science Fair will follow the same format as last year:
 - The Fair will be held during the school day, with judges from surrounding schools and organizations
 - The Science Fest will be held in the evening, from 5:30-7:30 PM and parents and family can view the projects, as well as participate in science-related activities
 - Huntsman Cancer Institute will offer a skin sun-damage activity
 - Leonardo will do a gummy worm activity
 - Natural History Museum of Utah will offer basket weaving
 - Mathnasium will have games
 - Discovery Gateway will have a geology activity
 - We also will have CupBop and Bruges food trucks, which will donate 10% of their sales
 - We have other activities in the science lab as well
 - We do need volunteers for Science Fest, so please sign up [here!](#)
- Art Night
 - Art Night has been scheduled for May 3rd
 - Megan will reach out to committee chairs this week
 - We agreed to set a meeting for the Art Night Committees and Teachers
 - We have decided to not have classroom baskets this year and to focus on silent auction items and collaborative pieces
 - We are still forming plans for the event
 - If anyone has items they'd like to donate for the silent auction, please contact Megan at megan@megangibbons.net

The next PTA meeting will be February 7th at 8:30 AM in Room 230. Thank you!