

**Uintah Elementary PTA
November General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 PM
Uintah Elementary, room 210**

Attending: Kristen Feldhusen, Whitney Wilde Naideth, Joy Maxwell, Jessica Arce-Larreta, Bruce Simpson, Margaret Ensign, Lauren Nelson, Sarah Lowe, Alisha Norman, Emma Thatcher, Jeff Serio, Geoff Ruckel

1. Welcome: Sarah
2. Principal Update: Bruce Simpson
 - a. The ceramics teacher position has been filled by Ms. Hillary. She will be starting classes in the next month or so.
 - b. The 6th grade service project will be happening soon. They will be raking leaves for the school.
 - c. The teacher conference in October was a success. Teachers learned how to better support students at all learning levels.
 - d. Redistricting will be happening in December. Public comment will be open December 5th.
 - i. If we absorb more students there is potentially a chance for new staffing. Priority for that would most likely be another 4th grade teacher.
 - e. Mission/vision statement need to be revised; will review next year if and when we absorb students from another school.
3. Financial Report: Alisha
 - a. October
 - b. Request for increased budget for 3rd grade play from about \$1500 to about \$2000
 - i. Motion to approve by Joy Maxwell
 - ii. Seconded by Sarah Lowe
 - iii. Unanimous vote to approve
 - c. We may want to consider selling concessions at the play as a way to pay for the costumes. Karen Hayes is interested this year. Would need to figure out if this qualifies as a fundraiser.
4. Request for money to buy soccer goals: Geoff Ruckel
 - a. Kids always play soccer on the basketball court because they can use the basketball hoops as goalposts; would love to invest in soccer goals.
 - b. Ms. Ensign said there used to be soccer goals but they were removed—would be good to look into why.
 - c. The grass is also an issue. Kristen Feldhusen may have suggestions from her husband on how to rehabilitate it.

5. Movie Night recap
 - a. Movie night was a huge success.
 - b. Next time we will need some sort of lighting (head lamps?)
6. Fall Festival recap: Sarah
 - a. Also a huge success
 - b. We need to have a designated volunteer coordinator at each event to explain to volunteers where to go and what to do.
 - c. Ticket sales volunteers need to come earlier to get things started before the event.
 - d. Pizza was small—may need to give two slices of pizza in the future
 - e. Haute Burgers took way too long—lots of negative feedback
7. Mad Science Workshop Update: Emma
 - a. Workshops started in October with kindergarten classes
 - b. Positive feedback from teachers so far
 - c. Not a lot of parent help is needed
8. Uintah Goes East / Service Project: Kristen
 - a. After Thanksgiving break we will be stocking the East High pantry with cleaning items, such as laundry detergent, Lysol, bleach, etc.
 - b. Each grade will be assigned a different item to bring and will get to hang a snowball in the entrance of the school.
 - c. Parents will also get information about the East High Sub for Santa program in case they are interested in participating.
 - d. Jessica Arce-Larreta wondered about setting up a sister school. Sarah mentioned the possibility of working with Jamie Spencer, who is the PTA president at Whittier. It should be some sort of back and forth relationship.
 - e. There is the possibility of a spring service project.
9. Science Fest
 - a. Date set for January 26
10. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 on Zoom