

**Uintah Elementary PTA  
January General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 PM  
Zoom**

Attending: Emma Thatcher, Sarah Lowe, Alisha Norman, Bruce Simpson, Ellen Schwede, Mary Hiebling, Lauren Nelson, Margaret Ensign, Joy Maxwell, Whitney Wilde Naideth, Christine Cliatt Brown, Kristen Feldheusen, Erin, Shelly Roalsted, Santiago Salamanca, Marjan Sepassi

1. Welcome
2. Principal Update: Bruce Simpson
  - a. Soccer goals have been ordered (estimated delivery date of January 15)
  - b. Field proposal was denied by the district because volunteers cannot do “construction work” at the school due to liability issues
    - i. The project will have to be bid out to contractors
    - ii. The district will not pay for the project so the PTA would be financially responsible
    - iii. Bruce will contact Isaac to see if the district will handle the bid negotiations
  - c. Mid-year testing for math and language arts took place this week; data should be put together by SCC meeting on Thursday, January 11
  - d. SEP Conferences are happening soon—some will take place in person and some will be over Zoom
  - e. The district voted to close four elementary schools—the boundary change should impact Uintah minimally but there may be an increase in open enrollment requests
  - f. Question from Joy Maxwell: is there a way to bring back a third 4th grade teacher?
    - i. Bruce discussed “right-sizing” and how he will advocate that three teachers in the 4th grade would be the “right size” for Uintah (5-6th grades see some attrition to the Salt Lake Arts Academy but this is not the case for the 4th grade)
3. Financial Report: Alisha
  - a. December
  - b. Ceramics supply request
    - i. Ceramics could use a slab roller to make the process of getting clay into kids’ hands more efficient; cost would be \$550
    - ii. Alisha motions to approve the request, Emma seconds, the vote passes
4. Science Fest: Ellen
  - a. Natural History Museum, Mathnasium, the bird guy, and Sub Zero Ice Cream will all be attending

- b. There will also be coding kits, marshmallow catapults, paper gliders, and a neuroscience room with sheep brains (there will be a disclaimer to prevent the more squeamish students)
  - c. Cupbop and Bruges will have food trucks
  - d. Everything will be free besides the food trucks and the ice cream
  - e. The PTA will sell merch (tees and sweatshirts)
  - f. Theme is Making Connections
  - g. Ellen will act as volunteer coordinator and will have information at the Welcome Desk; requests for volunteers will be going out soon (may need as many as 50, partially due to shorter shifts)
5. Optional STEM Fair Update: Mary
- a. Only five students have registered so far
  - b. The school will need to provide unbiased, non-parent judges (if anyone knows someone in their neighborhood who would be interested)
6. Teacher Appreciation Update
- a. No date set yet, but will most likely not coincide with National Teacher Appreciation Week
  - b. May be the week before Spring Break
7. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 at Uintah

# Monthly Treasurer's Report

December 2023

*(Month/Year)*

Uintah Elementary

*(Name of PTA Unit)*

BALANCE on hand as of December 1, 2023 \$ 105,227.62  
*(Beginning of Month/Year)*

**INCOME (by category):**

Memberhub / Givebacks \$7.15

Uintah Unicorns Merch \$62.42

TOTAL INCOME \$ 69.57

SUBTOTAL \$ 105,297.19

**EXPENDITURES (by category):**

Fall Fest \$3,509.79

Memberhub Dues \$6.00

Soccer Goals (check to SLEF) \$5,718.00

Check from 22-23 school year \$1,454.70

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 10,688.49

## Subtotal - Expenditures = Balance Forward

BALANCE on hand as of December 31, 2023 \$ 94,608.70  
*(End of Month/Year)* (This amount is "balance on hand" on next report)

Disbursement of Monies Collected But Not Belonging to Unit:

National PTA \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Utah PTA \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Council PTA \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_