

## Utah Association of Teachers of Japanese

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Minutes – 9/21/13

Loan Peak High School

In Attendance:

Shauna Palmer (President)

Matt Paskett (Host)

Marisa Bellini

Mark Cook

Takashi Ebira

Rich Mendenhall (via Google Hangouts)

Doug Welton

Tim Stout

- 1) Report from Palmer Sensei
  - a) No fall UFLA conference this year. In stead, UFLA will be cosponsoring SWCLT at Snowbird, Utah
    - i) April 24-27, 2014 (Thursday to Sunday)
    - ii) Website <http://www.swcolt.org/>
    - iii) Highly recommended
    - iv) Cost \$100 dollars
  - b) The wording of the Utah learning targets will be changing to “I can...” statements
- 2) Utah Japan Bowl
  - a) Format
    - i) Level one will be administered with “clickers” and electronic scoreboard (from AFHS) there are enough for 40 Level 1 teams of three students each; the answers will graded immediately
    - ii) Levels 2 and 3 will be administered with paper packets, like the national Japan Bowl competition; the answers will be graded by hand by the judges
    - iii) Prizes and certificates will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams in each level (9 team prizes and 27 certificates); trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third overall winning schools (3 trophies)
    - iv) O-bento style lunch will be served (Yamato)
    - v) A cultural performance will be provided by university students (TBD)
  - b) What we need:
    - i) Questions writers and editors. Stout Sensei and Ebira Sensei do not have Level 1, 2, or 3 high school students, so they have agreed to be the editors; teachers and students will not see the questions before the Japan Bowl, but they will be given a study guide letting them know the topic that need to be studied;
      - (1) For Level 1: Teachers will email to Stout Sensei 15 questions with 4 m/c answers each
        - 5 listening questions
        - 5 reading questions
        - 5 culture questions
      - (2) For Level 2: Teachers will email to Ebira Sensei 20 questions with 4 m/c answers each
        - 5 listening questions
        - 5 reading questions
        - 5 culture questions
        - 5 writing questions
      - (3) For Level 3: Teachers will email Stout Sensei 20 questions with 4 m/c answers each
        - 5 listening questions
        - 5 reading questions

- 5 culture questions
  - 5 writing questions
- ii) PowerPoint and "Script" editors (1-2)
    - (1) Atsuko at USU will be asked to take the edited questions from Stout Sensei and Ebira Sensei and make three PowerPoint presentations that can be used at the Utah Japan Bowl
    - (2) University students to help with making and running the PowerPoint presentations at the Utah Japan Bowl – who will ask?
  - iii) Application and Eligibility Review (1 person)
    - (1) Bellini Sensei will make the applications and send them out
    - (2) Teachers should collect students applications and registration fees, and send them to Marisa Bellini. Checks and cash are acceptable
    - (3) School may send as many teams of three as they wish
    - (4) Cost will be \$20 dollars (including lunch and t-shirts)
    - (5) Lunch will be purchased from Yamato in Orem
  - iv) Moderators (3 English native speakers and 3 Japanese native speakers)
    - (a) University students (BYU, UVU, USU U of U, SLCC, etc.)
  - v) Judges (Usually Japanese native speakers, 2 per level = 6 total)
    - (a) University professors (BYU, UVU, USU U of U, SLCC, etc.)
  - vi) Room monitors (Parents volunteers, 2 per level = 6 total )
    - (a) University professors (BYU, UVU, USU U of U, SLCC, etc.)
  - vii) Door guards (Parents volunteers, 2 per level = 6 total)
    - (a) Heritage students?
  - viii) PowerPoint operator
    - (a) University students (BYU, UVU, USU U of U, SLCC, etc.)
  - ix) Time keepers
    - (a) University students (BYU, UVU, USU U of U, SLCC, etc.)
  - x) Score keepers
    - (a) University professors (BYU, UVU, USU U of U, SLCC, etc.)
  - xi) Additional needs
    - (1) How much we are going to charge from each student and deadline?
      - (a) \$20 (includes lunch and T-shirt)
      - (b) Friday, December 20, 2013
    - (2) T-shirt contest deadline – same
      - (a) Proverb theme
      - (b) Include the proverb in Nihongo, Eigo, with a illustration
      - (c) Specify the color of the shirt, plus white and one other color
    - (3) Deadline to write the questions is the end of October so that the PowerPoint editors will have time to put everything on the PowerPoint
      - (a) End of October (end of first term)
    - (4) Sources of funding (Japanese Consulate General may donate trophies, The Japan Foundation Los Angeles offers a \$600 grant for Japan quiz contests, local Japanese companies donation, etc.)
      - Japan Foundation – Palmer Sensei
      - Yamato restaurant – Bellini Sensei
      - Seiji Market – Stout Sensei
      - Nuskin – Palmer Sensei
      - Komatsu – Cook Sensei
      - Japan Consulate – Ebira Sensei
      - First Oriental Market – Bellini Sensei
- 3) Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 9 to 11 am at American Fork High School