

# Meadow Park Middle School PTO 2020-2021: Meeting Summary

Location: **Teleconference via Zoom due to COVID-19 school closure.**

Date: 1/13/21

Time: 7p-7:50p

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## Principals' Report – Mr. Freeman

- Next week students have a full day of school Tu-F, no abbreviated day on Wed due to the Mon Holiday. Teachers have updated their Canvas calendars.
- Only BSD users (authenticated users) are permitted to join the BSD online learning environment.
- More information will be out on 1/19/21 about potential return to school for some students. Look for messaging to come from BSD and/or the governor's office.
  - Within this framework that we will know more about on 1/19, it is possible that small groups of students will return to school on a limited basis. There is a chance that these smaller groups could return to school before Spring Break. However, current BSD and MP administration are VERY unsure about the certainty of any of these possibilities.
- 2/5/21 is a Grading Day for staff (no school for students). A message to those students who are not passing their classes will be sent out soon to parents/guardians. Teachers have also been encouraged to send out progress updates prior to this grading day.
- PE kits are being distributed to students via 2 pick-up dates; one that happened on 1/9 and another that happened on 1/13. About 200 students picked up their kits on 1/9 and many more on 1/13. MP staff will make plans to get out the remainder of the kits to families who were unable to pick-up. There was also a shortage of jump ropes due to mail delays. These will likely be sent out to students via mail.
- All MP Spirit Gear orders have been fulfilled.
- No word from the BSD about MS Boundary issues that might affect current SUMMA 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Unsure what the legacy rules will be. We do know that all current 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will be future SUMMA students districted for Five Oaks will attend the MP SUMMA program and those 5<sup>th</sup> grades districted for Timberland will go to the new SUMMA program at Timberland.
- The bussing for SUMMA students districted for Five Oaks will be a bit different. In the morning, their route will likely first take them to Five Oaks where they will take a transfer bus to MP. The ride home will likely be a more direct route. More information to come on bus routes for next year.
- Bus capacity for the 2021-2022 school year will also likely be altered due to COVID. More information to come about this as well.

## PTO Chime-In

- Mod Pizza fundraiser yielded \$181 for the PTO.
- Although, fundraising might be extra challenging in this current climate, there is nothing that precludes the PTO from organizing. Might be good for community building, if anything. Admin staff will support by getting the word out to families about future fundraisers.
- Still unsure about holding a spring jog-a-thon; maybe revisit at next PTO meeting?
- A BIG THANK YOU to the Oak Hills Soccer Club who donated \$500 to the MP Food Pantry!!! The funds are currently parked with the PTO for use as and when needed by the support staff.
- Sonali has finished her Audit Report. She will share the highlights/recommendations during the February PTO meeting and will send out the report for members to view prior to the meeting. Thanks, Sonali!

## Treasurer's Report

- There is approximately \$6000 remaining in the RFF budget for this school year.

## Request for Funds

- The PTO received an RFF from Mr. Slick (team 7a) on 12/18/20 (the PTO was on break and did not have a meeting on the calendar for the month of December) via email. The was in the amount of \$700.00 for the purchase of gift bags from Glacier National Park Gift Shop in Montana. The PTO unanimously voted to approve the RFF request. **APPROVED**
- All the aforementioned Glacier Gift Bags arrived and 7A teaching team will coordinate a drive-thru pick-up with families. Total PTO contribution ended up being around \$885, about \$185 more than the original ask due to a shortfall of donations solicited from families (understandably considering current economic climate. We are incredibly grateful to those families who were able to contribute).

## Open Forum

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Send off
  - Although planning has not taken place, there is still time to brainstorm.
  - It was contemplated sending out information in the volunteer newsletter soliciting folks who might be interested in planning.
  - There were frequent meetings between Jared and last year's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Send Off planning group. Jared retained the meeting summaries and can share.
  - Here are some ideas that we could potentially borrow from last year's send-off:
    - Reuse the large canvas sign that was purchased last year.
    - Cinch sacks contained: HS t-shirts, signs, yearbooks, Awards, candy, etc.
    - Ms. Boe organized a virtual recognition ceremony.
    - The sendoff was a drive-thru event and included MP teachers/staff as well as HS admin from Beaverton HS, Westview HS and Sunset HS.
    - Families were encouraged to decorate their cars.
    - A sign was mailed out to each student with the logo of their future HS to be placed in the front window of their car so that students received the correct cinch sack.
  - Jenna will provide more details of last year's planning and event and mail out along with these minutes.

## Adjournment

Meeting attendees:

1. Jared Freeman: MP Principal
2. Sonali Jindal: Vice President
3. Jenna Kivanc: Secretary
4. Barbara Grossnickle: Co-Treasurer
5. Rachel Pines: Volunteer Coordinator
6. Tara Fuller: Jogathon Chair
7. Jothi Diwakar: Jogathon Chair
8. Erum Faisal: Web Master

***Next meeting is Wednesday, February 10th, 2021.***