

Meadow Park Middle School PTO 2020-2021: Meeting Summary

Location: **Teleconference via Zoom due to COVID-19 protocols**

Date: 09/15/21

Time: 7.05-8:05p

Principal's report

- Back to school event will be virtual across the BSD, email with details will be sent out. The administrator will address the parents and student from 5.45-6.15 pm about the COVID policy updates, guidelines for being back to school and about the planned academic plan. Zoom invites will be sent based on their elective and grades. The event will be long and will include 15 mins/zoom session. All sessions will be recorded, and teachers will add the session link and slide decks to the canvas page. Q/A will be addressed with the admin team.
- Discussion was the idea of inviting teachers to PTO meetings- currently these invites will be for bigger event in future to generate ongoing partnerships.
- Tiktok challenges have been a new problem in all middle schools across the district-kids are stealing soap dispensers. The principal sent out an email to let parent and kids know about the issue and how it impacts school in extra spending budget for maintenance and potentially kids getting into social media challenges that may potentially harm them.
- PT conferences – discussion around the feasibility on planning these conferences was done. Mr. Jared mentioned about the ideas around arena conference, attendance by parent in teams, problems with arranging bilingual interpreters for all families that may need help with communication in the meeting.

General discussion

- Currently there are a total of ~700 students with student to teacher ratio being 37:1 for most classes.
- With ongoing covid guidelines- school lunches are help in 2 batches in 3 locations. This takes a lot of manpower and effort for the school team to keep organized.
- School has included a seating chart in the bus and school to track and quarantine kids who get exposed in case of an event someone at school gets detected with COVID.
- Currently there is shortage of buses/bus drivers and everyday buses are delayed for student pick up.
- Field trips are still on the plan for spring of 2022
- A potential discussion around canopies in the outside area for providing more space to kids outdoor with social distancing measure was discussed. Renting canopies is expensive.

PTO discussions

- Sonali will be the third signer for checks
- Barb presented the budget we have for this year
- We welcome new parent who have joined the PTO.

Meeting attendees:

1. Jared Freeman: MP Principal
2. Barbara Grossnickle: Co-Treasurer
3. Sonali Jindal: Secretary
4. Anjana Nair: Volunteer Coordinator
5. Erum Faisal: Webmaster
6. Afsana Tithi: Staff Appreciation Chair
7. Naomi