

Meadow Park Middle School PTO 2019-2020: Meeting Summary

Location: Meadow Park Middle School Library

Date: 9/11/19

Time: 7:00p-8:20p

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Review of June 2019 Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report/Banking Proposal

- 8th grade Party income was spent in full. No carry over to this school year line item.
- There is a new box top app, no need to clip and submit 😊 (<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>)
- The PTO will review Request for funds (RFFs) submitted by teachers in October.
- Rich prepared a "Meadow Park PTO Savings Account Proposal". Since the PTO does not need quick access to the savings account, Rich proposed that we open an online savings account to increase our interest income. After review of the proposal a motion was made to move forward with transferring savings balance from Chase Bank to Barclays. The motion was approved.
- Shree wanted someone to follow-up with Rich about whether is possible to put a portion of the savings in a CD, which has potentially a higher interest rate.

Principal's Report

- The first day for 6th graders did not go exactly as planned due to some staffing issues. This has already been discussed by MP staff and changes will be made to next year's 6th grade start day.
- Ice cream social was a better than last year; but still room for improvements:
 - Community supply drop off was a bit confusing. Next year consider having designated Park Guides running supplies back and forth from front of school to cafeteria. Rachel suggested having Guides use wagons to collect supplies from incoming families.
 - Better signage to tell families what to do and where to go.
 - Massive computer malfunction which threw a wrench into the ability for MP to accept payments.
 - Great that schedules were available online.
- There will likely be no PE shirt purchase requirement this school year.
- PE teachers will notify students about proper PE attire.
- More info about the purchase of MP spirit-wear in the next few weeks.
- Back to school night is next week Thursday (9/19) at 6pm.
- PTO table will set up at 5:30p on back to school night, where there will be "volunteer opportunity" flyers distributed.

- Bell schedule is different this school year; passing time is about a minute longer. The other change is that 6th graders now all have their electives at the end of the day.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be in October. Scheduling of conferences (via an online website...the link will be sent out closer to conference dates) will be tight (especially for Summa students since they typically have a 100% PT conference participation rate).
- There might be other PT scheduling options for Summa 6th graders next school year, as the number of summa students are project to increase. This will be revisited next year.
- The Oregon Legislature passed the Student Success Act (<https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/get-involved/student-success-act>) in Spring 2019. MP will host a feedback session next month to garner community/stakeholder feedback about needs in the Beaverton School District.

President's Report

- MP community did a great job providing food for the staff welcome back and bus driver's breakfast.
- Because a small portion of PTO funds were used (\$37.94) for the welcome back breakfast and the bus drivers breakfast, there will be more funds for teacher appreciation week (Kelly Olsen will be planning).
- During Back to school night, Kim would like all PTO board members and committee chair volunteers to be introduced during the school event.
- Is there someone who wants to wear the eagle costume during back to school night????
- Possible PTO funded dinner (or MP community food donations) for dinner on Thursday (10/17/19). Last year the PTO paid for Costco pizza's which were affordable.

Jog-a-thon

- New goal for fundraiser is \$21,000
- Friday, October 4th is the jog-a-thon
- Kick off for the jog-a-thon starts with an announcement to the kids during lunch on 9/17. The pledge packets will be sent home with all kids on 9/18. Families will also be informed about jog-a-thon at back to school night (9/19).
- Pledgestar is what MP uses to capture online donations
- There is also corporate matching
- Lots of incentives for teachers and students to participate.
- The PTO line item budget for jog-a-thon related expenses is \$3,000.
- If you know a business that might want to sponsor the jog-a-thon or would like to make a donation, please contact Tara.
- The entire jog-a-thon day is devoted to not only jogging, but also to career and service exploration.
- The jog-a-thon is in needs of volunteers to help with different portions of the planning of the jog-a-thon as well as volunteers to help run the jog-a-thon on 10/4/19.

- Prior to volunteering in the schools, please make sure you must have a background check. For more information visit: <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/communications-community-involvement/volunteer>
- It will take about 2-3 weeks for a background check to be completed. Once this is completed you can search for and sign up for jog-a-thon volunteer opportunities through the BetterImpact website (same URL as above)

Meeting attendees:

1. Jared Freeman: MP Principal
2. Kim Hawk: President
3. Erum Faisal: Vice President
4. Barbara Grossnickle: Co-Treasurer
5. Jenna Kivanc: Secretary
6. Rachel Pines: Volunteer Coordinator
7. Janet K.
8. Rose A.
9. Shree S.
10. Tara F.
11. Keri E.
12. Kathryn R.
13. Jothi D.
14. Jennifer M.

***Next PTO Meeting:
Wednesday, October 9th, 2019
7-8p in the Meadow Park MS Library***