

# **Meadow Park Middle School PTO: Meeting Summary**

**Location: Meadow Park Middle School Library**

**Date: 11/18/15**

**Time: 7pm-8pm**

**Approximate number in attendance: 4**

**Meadow Park Middle School Principal: Jared Freeman**

**Meadow Park Middle School PTO Co-Presidents: Cyndie Pelto and Jennifer Yamashiro**

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## **Principal's Report**

11 new "technology suites" were purchased to be used in the classrooms by teachers who were selected via an application process. Selected teachers must attend trainings (1<sup>st</sup> training scheduled for 12/3/15) and are expected to become trainers next year with the purchase of additional suites.

The "suites" include:

- New HD Projectors with HDMI input and speaker output
- Classroom Speakers with good clarity
- iPad Mini
- AppleTV
- iPad Stand (to use with Apple TV making the iPad a doc cam)

These setups will allow staff to take full advantage of the iPads or Chromebooks that students will be getting over the next two years. Currently, it appears that almost every projector in our school is too old to effectively use with Chromebooks.

Principle Freeman provided the PTO with a demo of the suite and demonstrated its many uses for in-class instruction, including:

- Document viewer using the iPad camera
- Record lessons for absent students and/or lesson re-enforcement
- Access of district-approved apps and online educational tools

Each suite costs approximately \$1500.

Principal Freeman has submitted a RFF to purchase an additional 4 suites at an approximate cost of \$5700. This will be vetted at the next RFF meeting scheduled for 11/23/15 at 3:45pm.

The long-term plan is to have these suites in every classroom (approximately 42 suites in total) by purchasing 14 per year over the next 3 years.

In addition to new technology for the teachers, within the next few years all students at Meadow Park will be equipped with Chromebooks to use in-school. Funding provided by the Beaverton School District.

Chromebooks will be funded via levy funds and within the next few years all kids will have access to chromebooks.

To secure funds to purchase 4 additional teacher technology suites during the 2016-2017 school year the PTO would need to contribute approximately \$6,000 (4 x \$1,500). There is a possibility of funding the last 14 suites for the 2017-2018 school year from non-PTO funds.

During the 2016-2017 school year, raise awareness to Meadow Park parent/student community that \$ raised will bring technology into the classrooms.

Make sure there is enough \$ for the suites for next school year. Make a pitch for back to school night to help with the jog a thon fundraising.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Discussed creating a budget that would essentially earmark some of the funds for specific expenditures (i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> grade party, Art Literacy, Planners, etc.)

Leslie took notes and outlined budget.

### **Jog-a-thon update**

\$15,000 funds collected

\$900 for admin costs

Next year consider working with staff to have a one day jog-a-thon bonanza. Start the planning for the 2016-2017 jog-a-thon in April 2016. Make sure there is a clear message about why the funds are needed and what the funds will be used to purchase.

### **Dance Contest Update**

- Draft of flyer for dance competition has been created.
- Participation certificates.
- Giveaways prizes
- Encourage parents to participate
- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> trophies will be displayed at the school.
- Get leadership committee involved with making signs.
- Volunteers will be needed. A google doc will be made for volunteer sign-ups.

### **8th Grade Send off Update**

\$600 remaining from last year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade send off fundraising efforts. For this year popcorn will be sold at band concerts and proceeds from dinner nights out will also be needed.

### **Volunteer needs**

- PTO Vice President
- Friday Token Store Coordinator (need someone to buy the stock and make sure everything is up and running.

### **Other Business**

Providing food to students/families in need:

- Talk to Peggy about food for kids.
- Perhaps there can be bags of food on the cafeteria tables and kids can put in their backpacks and take them home.
- Can use Turkey Trot food donations to provide a food pantry supply. Jennifer and Cyndie will coordinate.
- Principal Freeman will follow-up with school district to acquire 3-4 closed door cabinets. Food and hygiene products needs to be stored. While waiting on the cabinets, items can be stored in boxes and/or plastic containers.
- Information about resources can be communicated out to school counselors who can make student/families aware that such resources exist. Principal Jared will talk to the counselors about this.

Providing Clothing to students/families in need:

- One of the VP's at Meadow Park suggested a clothing swap between Five Oaks and MP. Lost and Found clothing at MP will be swapped with the lost and found clothes at Five Oaks. These swapped clothes will be available on site at MP for students/families in need.

Providing other essentials to students/families in need:

- Toiletries (tooth paste, soap, shampoo and feminine products) have been donated.

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