

# Meadow Park Middle School PTO: Meeting Summary

**Location:** Meadow Park Middle School Library

**Date:** 3/16/16

**Time:** 7pm-8:20pm

**Approximate number in attendance:** 6

**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

**HVAC:** Summer 2016 HVAC system will be installed at MP. This means that the start of the year might be a bit chaotic since the completion of the project will likely be unknown for a quite a while. Construction is set to begin promptly after the teachers begin their summer vacation.

Given this major overhaul, might be a good time to pair the HVAC system install with other improvements including painting of halls and classrooms and installation of new bulletin boards (painting of the hallways is priority #1).

Plan A is to start painting on 8/27/16, however, if HVAC is not completed or the building is not ready on this date, the Plan B start date is 9/3/2016.

Teachers return to MP on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 2016. Labor Day is 9/5/16. First day of school is 9/6/16

MP will purchase the paint, however, the community will need to rally to provide the labor to get the job done. Ideas who might be able to volunteer:

- Current MP families
- MP Alumni
- MP staff
- Eagle/boy scouts
- Church members
- Local families who are in the paint contracting business

**Eagle Days:** Because of the HVAC construction, there will be no "Eagle Day". Instead there will be an online version where parents can purchase gym clothes. There might be room in the schedule to schedule one evening event during the week before school starts (sometime during the week of August 29<sup>th</sup>) for students to pick up their schedules, turn in their donated school supplies, purchase gym clothes (online preferred) and get a tour of the school by Student Ambassadors.

**Tardies:** Tardy sweeps are going ok.

**Feb Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Good turnout for PT conferences. Specialty teachers did not see many parents.

About 50% of ELL parents who scheduled PT conference did not show up. There might have had an issue with the long lag time between scheduling and actual conference times with parents.

Some SUMMA parents reported that teachers were a bit behind with their conference schedule, meaning that parents who showed up on time had to wait to speak with teachers. Last year there were 3 evenings and 2 days for SUMMA this time around 2 evenings and 2 days (due to reduced funding for conferences from the district). This made the scheduling of conferences very tight and accounted for the longer wait times.

A few other parents commented that having 3 core teachers conducting conferences in one room was less than ideal. Some of the rooms got a bit loud, and for those parents who needed to discuss private matters with the teachers it was a difficult setting to do that in. Perhaps utilizing a bigger space (i.e. the Library) might work better next year. Suggestions for improvements:

- Utilize bigger rooms for core teachers to share
- Similar to curriculum night, have students complete a ½ sheet that contains their conference schedule to take home to their parents. Will serve as a reminder for all and might especially be helpful for those ELL students.
- Consider making sure all students have a “Parent Folder” in their binders. All materials that parents have to see should go in the folder to make it clear to students what needs to be viewed by parents.
- The provision of catered food for the teachers is always GREAT! However, next year the teachers prefer having all dinner’s provided; lunch is not necessary as they can get out if needed to purchase food. No time to do this around the dinner hour.

**World Fair:** No World Fair this year. Fair might make a return in 3 years (?).

**Movie Night:** Organized by the student gov’t. Well attended considering there was not a ton of publicity around the event. Have more of these events and in the future better communicate to the student body about event dates/times.

**Talent Show:** Schedule for Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MP email Blasts:** Parents really appreciate these communications. Carol might be able to help out with sending these out.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Friday Store is under-spent.

Art Lit expenses have not come in yet.

No other RFF’s submitted or under consideration.

\$2600 was originally needed to cover transportation expenses associated with 3-night Outdoor School. However, this year OS was 2 nights therefore the final expense will likely be less than %2600. We will revisit this at the next PTO mtg when the final cost is known.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration**

Jennifer Y. has met with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration committee monthly.

Celebration has been scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> (the Thurs before the last week of school) from 11a-2p the thurs before last week of school.

Go Fund Me was set up to raise money (<https://www.gofundme.com/agumduhg>).

A letter will sent out to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents for contributions. Would prefer to receive checks as a donation since Go Fund Me takes a percentage of the profits.

### **Musical update**

Fund raising goal for band was met right away. Worked really well. Maybe next year there needs to be some parents to help with supervision of kids backstage.

Village Baptist Church event was great! Let’s make that happen on an annual basis.

Good feedback from community about OH musical. Will do that again as well!

## **New Reward Program**

Teachers have spent most of the \$1000 budget. Have purchases gum and granola bars, etc.

Teachers are using reward program.

This is a pilot program...let's see what happens!

## **Set Budget meeting**

Budget meeting has been schedule for Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at the WE meeting.

Follow-up needs to occur around the \$1000 scholarship that was given to MP.

## **Any new business**

**Food pantry update:** A parent started a Go Fund Me Acct.

Current pantry needs are: male-scented deodorant and shampoo, snacks (no nuts)

Some parents are interested in helping spiff up the MP staff lounge and conference room!