

Meadow Park Middle School PTO: Meeting Summary

Location: Meadow Park Middle School Library

Date: 5/11/16

Time: 7pm-8:30pm

Approximate number in attendance: 6

Meadow Park Middle School Principal: Jared Freeman

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

Principal report - Jared

HVAC is definitely on for this summer, work should be completed about 1 week before school starts back up. Gym and cafeteria will not be affected by HVAC upgrades.

Painting of MP interior is also on the agenda for this summer. It is possible that MP admin staff might be able to get some of the detail paint work done before community rallies to help out. Unsure what restrictions might be in place in terms of painting while HVAC installation is happening.

Staff changes for the 2016-2017 school year are up and coming; changes will be communicated to MP community at a later date. 8.5 MP positions are currently in the process of being filled.

Planning for end of year celebration is happening amongst MP admin staff. If any help is needed, staff will reach out to PTO.

No Eagle Days before the start of school due to HVAC install. MP admin staff are in the process of coming up with an alternative plan, which could involve online Eagle Days for those with internet access. For those without access a "parking lot" Eagle Days could be a possibility. School will be shut down all the way through the week before first day of school.

Earliest lunch period for the next school year will be 11:30pm'ish. Another possible change includes having a 15 minute advisory "class" attached to the first core class, which would occur every day.

Budget – board

It has been decided that the PTO will spend approximately 20K per year. Need to strike a balance between spending funds raised as well as keeping enough of a financial 'cushion' in savings. The 20K expenditure per year seems to meet the need for this balance.

- Approximately 4K will be allocated to 'general budget'
- Approximately 6K will be allocated for special projects, which includes an approximate 8K allocation for RFF's (Request For Funds).
- For the next school year there will be 2 RFF opportunities at which time request's will be accepted and reviewed. The first will occur late Oct 2016/Early Nov 2016, the second February 15th or 28th.

Jog a thon - Cyndie

Yesterday Cyndie participated in a Jog a thon planning meeting Meeting/planning yesterday, Kristin McCartney is staff liaison.

- Jog a thon has been scheduled for the entire day on **Thursday, October 13th...**"Jog-a-thon Festival"

- Groups of about 150 students will travel through rotating stations; the Jog a thon will be one of the stations.
- Other stations might include: Clean water services, recycling, cpr/first aid, diversity group, youth advisory board, etc.
- Cyndie and Jennifer will work on acquiring jog a thon sponsors.
- The festival theme will be “Super Heros”
- Costume contest
- Awards given for highest % of classroom participation, no longer based on the child who brings in the most donations.
- Target ask per family \$30-\$40

Volunteer system update - Jennifer

- No more help counter
- All volunteer’s must redo background check
- Monday (5/16) training; 2 hours in library.

Art lit update

Up and running. 2nd and last artist.

Friday store/PBIS program update - Jennifer

Gotcha’s are going ok.

Bodhi is leading the pilot GOTCHA program. Things are going ok, has been time intensive.

Token store is tough to staff.

If the Token Store is closed for next year, the Token Store budget will be rolled over to the GOTCHA program.

8th grade celebration/Ashland update - Jennifer

Dinner night out at McDonalds is on Tuesday, May 17th from 5-8pm. Walker/158th. 20% of all sales goes to the 8th grade celebration.

A letter soliciting 8th grade celebration donations has been written and will be sent to all 8th grade families. Has been translated into Spanish.

Details around the Ashland Summa trip have been solidified. All ready to go!

Band parades update - Jennifer

Up and coming: Junior Rose Parade and the St. Johns Parade.

- There has been a request to for the PTO to cover the cost of transportation. The ask is \$1644.87. The funds have been approved by the PTO at this meeting. All future transportation requests and any request for funds needs to occur through RFF process as outlined above.

Recruiting for board

Shreya has volunteered to be the PTO VP/Volunteer Coordinator during the next school year. All current PTO board members will be retained in their positions for next year.

Co-Presidents: Jennifer Yamashiro and Cyndie Pelto

Vice President/Volunteer Coordinator: Shreya

Co-Treasurer: Rich Winkel and Leslie Seward

Secretary: Jenna Kivanc

After school drama club

Jennifer Yamashiro is in the process of planning for a MP Drama Club during the next school year. Preliminary details are as follows:

- Approx. cost to participate = \$25/student
- 1 day a week
- Club would run the entire school year
- Would be structured like a Drama 1 class; scene study.
- Unsure about the max number of students that could participate in the club.
- Many MP students have expressed an interest in drama via forecasting sheets.

Summer lunch program

No free summer lunch at MP. However, local elementary schools which feed into MP will be offering a summer free lunch program. Details have gone out to the MP community.

Other Business

Cyndie Pelto has expressed interest in bringing “Heart & Sole” to MP as a Fall 2016 after school activity. H&S is a 10-12 week program (the elementary version is named Girls on the Run) specifically designed for MS girls. The program “creates a positive, structured space for MS girls to learn about themselves, explore new ideas, cultivate empathy, strengthen connections and develop life skills that will help them as they move through adolescence and beyond.”

- The earliest after school programming can begin is end of September
- After school busing is available on Tues, Wed and Thurs. Current programs run from 3:55-4:45.