

Meadow Park Middle School PTO: Meeting Summary

Location: Meadow Park Middle School Library

Date: 11/09/16

Time: 7pm – 7:55pm

Approximate number in attendance: 6

Meadow Park Middle School Principal: Jared Freeman

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

Today's Meeting is the last of 2016.

Principal Update: Jared

- Staff is working on strategies to help students to effectively verbally communicate with one another.
- Today counselors and staff have worked with students in need of extra support around recent domestic political events.
- 5th grade parent night has been scheduled for December 6th, 2016. Communication will be going out to staff this week and out to communities over the next few weeks. Parent night will have a similar format to last year (either the Choir or band will perform). PTO will provide a short presentation.
- Parent Teacher conferences will occur in February 2017. During the 11/30 "Principal's Chat" at 9:15am (Cyndie will publicize chat on FB, Jared would like feedback from parents about what might work better for PT conferences.
- High School Boundary changes are official.
- Cyndie will meet with Kristin McCartney and Jared Freeman around a jog-a-thon debrief. This meeting will occur on November 21st at 10:45am.

Treasurer Report:

- Jogathon income \$16,867.81
- Newest expenditures include Art Supplies and Paint for MP hallways.
- Leslie is looking into renting or having the rental of Sumo Wrestling costumes donated.

Request for Funds (RFF):

- At this time, the PTO has received a total of 3 RFFs.
 - Proposal 1: Submitted by 8th grade science teachers. Trip to OMSI to see planetarium and museum. Request is for PTO to provide funding in the amount of \$1300 for 5 buses to transport students on a field trip to OMSI. Students will be asked to pay \$11 for cost of admission and extra for potential scholarships. The PTO in partnership with MP will make sure that all students will be able to attend field trip regardless of ability to pay admission. Jared recommended, that due to the increased cost of transportation, the ask for transportation funding be increased to \$1500.
 - Proposal 2: Yoga ball chairs to replace traditional classroom chairs for ALC students in the amount of \$814.60. A "Donor's Choose" crowd source account has been established (https://www.donorschoose.org/project/wiggle-to-winning/2190739/?rf=link-siteshare-2016-11-teacher-teacher_3802983&challengeid=20826544). Fundraising will close January 17th, 2017 (per donor page).
 - Proposal 3: Request \$755 for two kits in order for two engineering design classes to build remotely operated underwater vehicles. Funding covers cost of kits and transportation to testing site (Sunset Pool).

- **MOTION:** PTO will pay out a grand total of \$2755 across these three projects, details as follows: **APPROVED**
 - Proposal 1: PTO will pay \$1500
 - Proposal 2: PTO will pay \$500 and will help get the word out on social media to increase donations to the “Donor’s Choose” crowd source account.
 - Proposal 3: PTO will pay \$755
- The next time the PTO will consider RFFs will be February 2017.
- Approximate cost of transportation (6 buses) for Outdoor School (5/17/17-5/19/17) will be \$2380. Kristin McCartney will touch bases with Cecily Capistran around submitting an RFF for these funds in February 2017.
- During the April (4/13/16) PTO meeting last school year the PTO said, “\$2,000 will be set aside in 2016-17 to cover transportation costs of Outdoor school. Ask for an official request (RFF) for transportation costs so that PTO set aside funds for next school year.”
- With the passage of Measure 99, Outdoor School transportation costs will be covered beginning the 2017-2018 school year.

Other business:

- Kristin McCartney needs lego donations. Her request for donations will be posted on social media.
- The PTO would like to explore the possibility of creating an outdoor track at Meadow Park. First steps will need to be taken up with THPRD. Must first determine feasibility and then develop a funding plan.
- A school supply donation was made from a local business and will be dropped off to Carol.