

Meadow Park Middle School PTO: Meeting Summary

Location: Meadow Park Middle School Library

Date: 1/25/16 (originally scheduled for 1/11/17; rescheduled due to snow)

Time: 7pm – 8pm

Approximate number in attendance: 8

Meadow Park Middle School Principal: Jared Freeman

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

Request for Funds (RFF)

The PTO considered 4 RFFs:

- 1) Beverage Recycling Blue Bag Fundraiser.
 - a. Brief Description: Distribute blue bags to MP students during advisory. Students take home and collect (from home or community) either aluminum soda cans or water bottles, place in blue bag and drop off at MP (logistics of drop location are being worked out; likely a bin that is locked overnight somewhere on the MP campus). Someone would need to take collections and drop them off at a collection site. Money collected from fundraiser would be used to purchase science supplies and outdoor school. Fundraiser is run by MP science teachers.
 - b. Monetary ask: \$450 would cover the expense of purchasing blue bags (\$1.50/roll of 10) and cost of bin rental. These costs would be paid back to the PTO once the fundraising program is up and running.
 - c. Decision: **Accepted** with no objections.
- 2) Outdoor School Scholarships
 - a. Brief Description: Provide 10 students with Outdoor school scholarships during the current school year.
 - b. Monetary ask: \$1650
 - c. Decision: **Accepted** with no objections.
- 3) Coffee bar
 - a. Brief Description: Provided coffee to MP teachers and staff as a gesture of GREAT appreciation for the amazing job they did during THE “snow day”.
 - b. Monetary ask: \$390
 - c. Decision: **Accepted** with no objections.
- 4) 7th grade field trip transportation
 - a. Brief Description: The 7th grade will be taking a field trip to the World of Speed Motorsports Museum where they will learn about science and technology by participating in tours and hands-on experiments.
 - b. Monetary ask: \$1170 to cover bus transport to and from museum
 - c. Decision: **Accepted** with no objections.

Principals’s Report

- Next set of chromebooks have arrived to be distributed across 13 staff. A total of 21 teachers will now have chromebooks in their classrooms.
- A total of 32 media cart set ups are now in classrooms (partially funded by the PTO)
- This year is year 2, next year MP will go one-to-one with chromebooks.
- Will have to figure out what other schools have done to protect the chromebooks, maybe leverage some sort of donation for cases?
- Grading for the current semester has been delayed, due to inclement weather days off from school. Grades will be out by the end of February.

Treasurer's Update

- After approving the previously mentioned RFFs, the amount the PTO budgeted for RFFs has been reached.
- As of this date, the PTO has spent ½ of its budget for the current school year.
- Approved Yoga Balls RFF raised enough funds via DonorChoose, they no longer need the PTO's support.
- Approved 8th grade field trip transportation RFF estimate was \$1500, their need was actually less (\$643).
- Received approximately \$500 additional jog-a-thon income around setting up matching program.

Staff Room Update – Rachel Pines

- Rachel has created a survey to be sent out to teachers via google forms (Jared will help with the creation of the form and distribute to teachers) to solicit ideas about what they want to see improved in the staff room.
- Jennifer reported that there are 2 local churches that are interested in helping by contributing funds or resources to help with staff room updates. She will follow-up with contacts and touch bases with Rachel.
- Nike could also be a potential resource for the donation of tables and chairs (Heather H. has a potential contact and will connect with Rachel).
- Friday, April 28th is a good day to do the updates because school is closed. Jared can come by school and give volunteers access.
- Solicit funding from MP parents to cover expense of updates. Rachel will write a quick summary of project and Leslie will post description along with provide a paypal link (account has already been established to collect funds for the jog-a-thon) on the MP Facebook page.
- Once a plan for the staff room updates has been created Rachel will communicate with Jared.

PTO Board Positions Update

- Next year will be Jennifer's last year as a MP parent and this year will be Cyndie's last as PTO co-president. Jennifer is looking for someone to work with her next year so that someone new can take over for her during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Jennifer will take the lead on next year's 8th grade celebration.
- Cassie and Leslie will be taking over the band play-a-thon from Jennifer during the next school year.
- Cassie and Leslie will help Jennifer with the jog-a-thon during the next school year in prep to coordinate during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Jacqui Watson, the current volunteer coordinator can no longer volunteer her time next year. We will need someone to take over this position during the next school year.
- Jennifer needs someone to take over responsibilities of the cafeteria volunteer coordinator. She will reach out to current cafeteria volunteers.
- For the next meeting; let's try to get some new parents to come to the meeting.

Band Play a thon

- Jennifer will communicate with Mr. Schlabach to reschedule the play-a-thon that had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.
- A weekend play-a-thon might be more convenient for all.

Staff Appreciation

- This usually takes place during the first week of May. There is currently \$1500 budgeted for this; although we think the budget was intended to cover food, etc for both Appreciation and Conferences (no conferences this year due to inclement weather). Think about garnering food from Khao San again.

8th grade celebration

- Cyndie will start planning.

Track project

- Jennifer is working on this and will follow-up with THPRD

Sumo wrestling

- Originally planned to take place during an assembly, the cancelled school days disrupted the schedule so that Jared is unsure when the next assembly will take place.
- Ideas were discussed around having an alternative venue...cafeteria during lunch???