

# Meadow Park Middle School PTO: Meeting Summary

Location: Meadow Park Middle School Library

Date: 9/13/17

Time: 7pm-8:10pm

Approximate number in attendance: 12

Meadow Park Middle School Principal: Jared Freeman

Meadow Park Middle School PTO Co-Presidents: Leslie Seward and Jennifer Yamashiro (absent)

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## Principal's Report – Jared Freeman

- Chromebook rollout started on Tuesday and will continue through next week
- Staff-student relationship building has occurred during the first few weeks. Things are going really well.
- Early release today really benefitted teacher collaboration and planning.
- Back to school night coming up (9/19/17)
- Jog-a-thon coming up (9/29/17)
- Principal communication via email to parents will happen on an as needed basis throughout the school year.
- Volunteer day (8/19/17) was a great success. Over 100 volunteers assisted with various school improvement projects.
- Nike generously donated over 160 height adjustable classroom tables!
- MP partnership with Nike is taking off. Not only have they donated tables, but also committed their time to help at our school. Stop by their table at back to school night.
- Students meeting the Summa testing standards for one subject but not the other can still take the summa class they qualified for. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students can take standardized tests for placement in Summa while attending MP. For more information around Summa testing and standards please visit the Beaverton School District website: <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/depts/tchlrn/gifted/Pages/Summa-Information.aspx>

## Treasurer's Report – Tara Fuller

- \$24,570 Net PTO cash
- \$149 expenses thus far
- \$17K jog-a-thon goal...our gold-standard goal is \$20K

## Band Play-a-thon monies – Leslie Seward

- Co-treasurer (Tara) will need to write a check to the school that will go into the Band account. The check should be made out to Meadow Park Middle School and under the memo it should say "for Band account". This money was raised in April 2017. Each year we roll over the money after Band receives their budget from MP.

## Request for Funds (RFF) – Leslie Seward

- Request from Collin and Mann for \$100 software to enable teachers to block time to use school technology. The monies will purchase a 1 year subscription. **Motion to approve accepted.**
- The PTO will establish 2 standing timeframes for review of RFFs from MP staff: November 2017 and February 2018.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party

- Jennifer Yamashiro will spear head effort to organize this year's party for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. A committee will be created and fundraising will need to take place throughout the year in order to meet the goal of \$3,000 needed for the party.

## Volunteer Needs – Leslie Seward

- Volunteer needs are posted on the Meadow Park PTO website (<http://www.meadowparkpto.com/>) and are also listed below:
  - September
    - Back to School Night—September 19th 6-8pm
    - Picture day—September 21st All Day 2 shift free picture packet for volunteers
    - Jog-a-thon—September 29th all day
  - On-going
    - Cafeteria Helper (during 6th, 7th, and 8th grade lunch 11:30-1:30); a great way to see the kids, easy to learn how to help. Thursday and Friday shifts are open.
    - Production Room (help to make copies)

## eScrip, Dinner night out – Leslie Seward

- We have 2 fundraising dinner-night-out planned at McDonalds (unsure of dates). Parent volunteers can head up other dinner-night-out fundraisers, but need to be mindful about potential conflicts with other fundraising events on the calendar. These nights out might be best executed for specific fundraising endeavors instead of a way to add money to the PTO general fund.
- eScrip, now that this program operates in the digital sphere; easier to use. Laura Aeschliman will chair this effort for the PTO (thanks!). It was suggested to just run the eScrip program from November thru the holidays. In a nutshell, the eScrip is all about buying gift cards at face value (normal amount, no extra) and the vendor would pay the reward to the PTO.

## Other Business

- Jog-a-thon kick off will begin next week Monday (9/18/17)
- PTO to pay \$450 for taco bar (\$3.60/person) catered by The Bistro at Bethany Athletic Club for all MP staff, presenters and all-day volunteers. **Motion to approve accepted.**
- Food pantry is still running in room A19 and clothes closet is still also open (although, most of the clothing has been delivered to the district clothes closet). Students gain access via school counselors.
- Jared will talk with counselors to see if there are any specific needs for products needed to fully stock pantry. A volunteer to help run the pantry has been identified and will start soon.
- Thus far it looks like a Heart & Sole (the middle school version of Girls on the Run) Meadow Park team will not be formed this year (last year was the first year this program was made available to MP girls). The cost of using MP as a site was cost prohibitive (\$50/hour). Maybe Nike could lend their facilities? Perhaps there is a parent interested in bringing this program to Meadow Park? For more information about the program, visit the Girls on the Run Website:  
<http://www.girlsontherunpdx.org/heart-sole-program-registration>

***Next PTO Meeting: Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 7-8p in the Meadow Park MS library.***