

Meadow Park Middle School PTO 2019-2020: Meeting Summary

Location: Meadow Park Middle School Library

Date: 10/09/19

Time: 7:00p-8:20p

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Review of September 2019 Meeting Minutes

- No changes were suggested. A motion was made to approve the minutes. [The motion was approved.](#)

Principal's Report - Jared Freeman

- Jog-a-thon went well; kids seemed to have a great time.
- Conferences are coming up on October 16-17.
 - Conference spots filled up in within about 24 hours.
 - The next Principal's update email will contain information about a priority system that will be in place for February 2020 conferences.
- Jared reviewed a portion of a presentation that highlights MPMS activities and achievements. The main takeaway was that MPMS achievement and growth scores have increased over the past 3 years around both Math and English Language Arts. This growth has occurred despite a decline in the percentage of Summa students enrolled at MPMS.

President's Report - Kimberly Hawk

- The PTO website is being re-designed to make sure information is current, comprehensive and relevant. Folks are welcome to check it out and forward Kim H. comments and suggestions (<http://www.meadowparkpto.com/>)
- Conference meals
 - Wednesday (10/16): PTO will purchase Costco Pizzas and gluten-free pizza for about 70 staff. Other items will also be purchased with PTO funds to supplement the pizza.
 - Thursday (10/17): Meal will be supplemented by volunteer donations 😊 Rachel Pines will send out a Google sign-up sheet to solicit food donations from volunteers. Volunteers will be needed for set up and cleanup.
- 8th grade party planning
 - The 8th grade party planning group needs to be formed. There is already an informal group assembled, if you want to help out please contact Kim H. at meadowpark.president@gmail.com.

Jog-a-thon Recap

- A HUGE shout out to the wonderful Tara Fuller and marvelous Rachel Pines! They put in sooo much work to make the Jog-a-thon a huge success, not only as a fundraiser for our amazing MP staff/ students but also as a way to build community. Thank you for all that you do for our community!!!

- About \$9,000 has been raised via Pledgestar
- Kim H. made the first deposit of funds raised for the Jog-a-Thon.

Treasurer's Report - Barb Grossnickle

- Rich will need signatures from the PTO board as formal approval that a PTO interest bearing savings account will be opened and PTO funds in the amount of \$18,552.48 will be transferred from existing account over to the new one.
 - Pending approval, the funds will then be transferred to the new First Internet Bank savings account.
- Usual expenses for Art Lit, nothing out of the usual.
- The early RFF (approved on 8/17/19 via email vote) to purchase a washer and dryer for the Independent Skills Center (in the amount of \$835.60) was paid using PTO funds.
- A reminder that MP is always seeking “general donations” in the form of... Amazon Smile, Fred Meyer Card, Box Top app (see the MP website for more ways to donate).
- Kim H. will be asking Carol if anything is needed to help stock the on-site food pantry.
- There was a question about why there is a current negative net change of \$3,035 between what the PTO has budgeted for this school year (\$20,735) and income the PTO is projected to raise (\$17,700). It might be useful to know that the PTO has approximately \$53,000 in the checking and savings account combined.
- At some point it might be useful to talk about how much the PTO wants to keep in its reserve.

Request for Funds

The PTO received a total of 5 RFFs to be considered:

1. Mr. Slick (7th grade math): Pizza incentive/reward parties (3 classes). Amount= \$250. Vote was a unanimous YES. Approved.
 2. Ms. Noratli/Lytle (6th grade humanities): Reward party for book club leaders party \$60+ Goal reach party \$40. Amount=\$100. Vote was a unanimous YES. Approved.
 3. Ms. Caballero (Counseling staff): Rewards for consistent attendance and incentive to continue attending school. Geared toward those students who are facing specific challenges with attendance. Amount = \$150. Vote was a unanimous YES. Approved.
 4. Ms. Tran-Parta (Science). Energy probes for a science experimentation to be shared across all science teachers. Purchase of 5 probes. Amount= \$445. Vote was a unanimous YES. Approved.
 5. Science. Dissections of cow eyes, chicken wings, pig hearts and gloves. Amount=\$615. Vote was a unanimous YES. Approved.
- PTO funds allocated through this RFF process = \$1560. Combined with the RFF approved before the start of the school year in the amount of \$835.60; a total of \$2395.60 has been spent. The PTO has budgeted a total of \$10,000 to cover RFFs. A total of 24% of these funds have been allocated.
 - The plan is for the PTO to conduct two additional RFF reviews. One in January (1/15/2020 PTO meeting) and another in early Spring.

Open Forum

- Art Literacy recruitment has been particularly challenging. About 20 people attended the most recent training and these volunteers signed up to be in the classrooms teaching/facilitating the up and coming lesson, but there are still classes without volunteers.
 - Reach out to the parents in these classes without an Art Lit volunteer to see if someone can volunteer.
 - Talk about scheduling during the next training and try to fill calendar.
 - All Art Lit sessions are taught during science class. For the Science class taught in Spanish, think about contacting the teacher to ask how best to handle a potential language barrier.
 - The Art Lit program is always looking for volunteers!
 - For more information visit the Meadow Park PTO webpage!

Meeting attendees:

1. Jared Freeman: MP Principal
2. Kim Hawk: President
3. Erum Faisal: Vice President
4. Barbara Grossnickle: Co-Treasurer
5. Jenna Kivanc: Secretary
6. Anis C.
7. Satya C.
8. Janet K.
9. Rose A.
10. Jothi D.
11. Jennifer M.
12. Barbara D.

Minutes taken and submitted by Jenna Kivanc.

***Next PTO Meeting:
Wednesday, November 13th, 2019
7-8p in the Meadow Park MS Library***