

## Meadow Park Middle School PTO Meeting Summary

Location: Teleconference via Zoom due to COVID-19 protocols

Date: 1/11/22

Time: 7.00-8:00pm

### **Updates from Principal:**

- Band Concert on January 12th, Choir on the 13th, Drama also coming up
- Problem with staffing -> some vacancies are posted, and interviews are being conducted. New hires will start in the second semester. Finding Science and Math teachers continues to be a challenge. Currently long-time subs are managing science. The Principal is also filling for staff vacancies wherever he can.
- Student absences are high with school reopening as some are quarantining, others are taking a longer break. COVID cases are most likely the reason for those absences.
- Nurses are slammed which is making it hard for dashboards to stay updated
- The window for Home testing for COVID carried out by sending vials to OHSU by parents is still open in case anyone is interested to use that option
- Plan for a Staff vs. Student basketball if the COVID situation gets better
- Grading day is Feb 4th- time for students to catch up on missing assignments in the next 2 weeks to improve grades. Grading day no students will be in school.
- Virtual Jog-a-thon might not be a possibility this year. However, other activities like virtual talent shows, Dramas or donations to school, might be considered depending on feasibility.
- Low chances of school going to distant learning as the current student/staff absence rate is ~1% which is lower than the bar of ~20% when remote learning is seriously considered.
- Teachers are super excited about the Drama production coming up in early March.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer report was presented by Barb.
- From dinner night Panda express sent a check for \$40 to PTO - Thanks Afsana for making this fundraiser happen!
- The \$5 dormancy fee charged by FIB has now been reversed. Going forward, there has to be some activity in that account every 6 months, if the fee needs to be avoided.
- No request was made for any funds from staff to the PTO this month.
- Sonali will go with Barb to be a cosigner for checks.

### **PTO Matters:**

- Erum- Audit is complete and the report will be shared with the PTO and the Principal as soon as responses from the Treasurer/s are plugged in.
- Request for Anjana (volunteer coordinator) to send out the reminder for the PTO meeting along with the link in an email so that interested parents can join the PTO meeting.
- Jared confirmed that no meals are required for the staff for the February conferences since the event will be virtual.

- 8th grade graduation party was discussed. A huge thank you to Jessica Baker for offering to help with the party planning. Anjana will send out an email regarding this very soon.

**Meeting Attendees:**

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1. Jared Freeman: MPMS Principal
2. Sonali Jindal: Secretary
3. Barb Grossnikle: Treasurer
4. Erum Faisal: Webmaster
5. Tara Fuller: Jog-A-Thon Chair
6. Jenny Sawyer
7. Jessica Baker