

# Meadow Park Middle School PTO 2020-2021: Meeting Summary

Location: **Teleconference via Zoom due to COVID-19 school closure.**

Date: 10/14/20

Time: 7p-7:50p

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## Principal's Report – Jared Freeman

- PE kits: The results of a recent MP survey showed that about 50% of our student population does not have access to the items that the PE staff would like students to use to stay healthy and active throughout their remote learning days. It is the goal of the staff for all students to have a PE Kit which contains items such as: tennis balls, dodge ball, bean bags, elastic bands, jump ropes.
  - MP staff has reached out to Nike for possible donations to supply a portion of our student body with these needed items. Depending upon the degree to which corporate donations come through, the PTO might receive a request for funds to support the purchase of items for these kits. This request (should it be needed) will likely come to the PTO via email around the first week in November. If there is a request for funds, it will likely be between 1k and 2k.
  - A flyer will be sent out soon to solicit donations of these items as well as more info about what the kits will contain.
  - MP staff will try to have PE kits ready for dissemination to students around 11/18/20.
  - In the event that the staff needs help assembling the PE kits, they will reach out to the PTO.
- Next week Wednesday (10/21/20) MP staff will be hosting 2 parent Q&A sessions; one at 11:30a-12:30p and another at 6:30p-7:30p. In preparation for these sessions, Mr. Freeman will solicit Q&A topics that parents/students/guardians have about the current/future school year. This survey will likely go out to our community this Friday (10/16/20).
- MP staff is currently planning a “Harvest Celebration” for Thursday (10/29/20) in the MP parking lot. The event will be an AVID family night event and will have stations and a socially distanced way of connecting with the school.
- MP staff is currently learning about “Brain break exercises”, which they plan to use as staff and teach to students as well.
- MP Admin is thinking about how to develop and sustain community within this remote learning environment. Perhaps there is something than be planned for November or December. More information to come later.

## Box Tops

- The Box Tops coordinator had some questions they relayed through Erum. How best to coordinate clip-out box tops? How best to coordinate and disseminate info to our community about phase out of clip-out box tops and the new method of electronic accounting of box tops.
- It was discussed that box tops might not be worth the effort depending upon how much income has been generated in the past. For this school year, the PTO has budgeted a possible income of \$200 for box tops. In the last school year (2019-2020) box tops generated \$146.50. Is the “juice worth the squeeze?” It was decided, ‘Maybe not’.

## Treasurer's Report

- Very few expenses to report; \$350 staff appreciation, \$135 PTO Liability Ins, \$50 Corporate Filing fee.
- The PTO is currently operating under the "Remote-learning budget" (the other budget option was "In School budget"). The current budget can be found here:  
[http://www.meadowparkpto.com/uploads/9/0/1/0/90100999/mppto\\_budget\\_20-21.pdf](http://www.meadowparkpto.com/uploads/9/0/1/0/90100999/mppto_budget_20-21.pdf)
- Rich (co-treasurer) mentioned via email that we might make about \$6 more a month in extra income if we decided to move about 10k-15k from the PTO checking to the Chase Savings Account. As of today, the PTO has about 36K in the checking and 8.5K in savings. Moving 15K from checking would result in a checking balance of 20K and savings balance of 23K
- The PTO decided to transfer 15k from the PTO Checking account to the Chase Savings account.

## Request for Funds (RFF)

- None at this time, however, Mr. Freeman brought up that teachers might be individually submitting attendance raffle incentives in the future.

## Open Forum

- The Food pantry is fully stocked thanks to lots of generous donations from our MP community during picture days. Thank you!!!!
- Is there a specific need around the holidays for our MP families? A holiday food and gift drive is usually coordinated by the MP and Barnes ES counselors for about 60-80 families. There might be an increased need during the up and coming holiday.
- All Parent-Teacher conferences have been cancelled. If remote learning continues through the remainder of the school year, MP staff might advocate for Feb/Mar conferences.
- The PTO has scheduled a Mod Pizza fundraiser for December 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - What are ways we can best communicate with families about this fundraising event? Word can get out by Park Pods advisory teachers who can notify students and send out emails to students/families.
  - Erum will create a blurb for Teachers to use to reach out to families via advisory/email. Will also include in the MP newsletter. Send out late November.
- Accepting all spring fundraising/community-building ideas. Some schools have done a virtual run event, socially distanced and masked events, maybe by smaller learning cohorts?? Let's keep the ideas flowing and talk about this at further meetings. FYI, PledgeStar is still up and running and operational for any potential future fundraising needed.

**Meeting attendees:**

1. Jared Freeman: MP Principal
2. Barbara Grossnickle: Co-Treasurer
3. Jenna Kivanc: Secretary
4. Erum Faisal: Webmaster
5. Tara Fuller: Jogathon Chair
6. Jothi Diwakar: Jogathon Co-chair

***Next MPPTO Meeting***

***Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom***

***(Shifted from the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, because 11/11/20 is a holiday)***