

Meadowlark Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Meeting called to order by Amber Kear at 9:00am

President – Amber Kear	Vice President – April Luina
Treasurer – Jessica Cicora	Assistant Treasurer – Wendy Gertach
Secretary – Liz Warman	

- I. In attendance: Amber Kear, April Luina, Jessica Cicora, Wendy Gerlach, Liz Warman, Kylen Meldon, Julie Prater, Krysti Yuen, Melissa Steinman, Principal Dana Matheny
- II. Teacher Grants – 2nd grade teachers submitted a grant. After discussion there are more questions for the 2nd grade teachers. Dana Matheny will get more information for further review at the next PTO Meeting.
- III. Treasurer's report – Jessica Cicora presented the 2019-2020 Budget. Two changes were presented. (1) Instead of budgeting \$50 for Meet the Teacher night, that money would be increased to \$100 and put towards restocking the teacher lounge. (2) Giving \$500 to PE to update supplies/equipment. Julie Prater motioned to approve the budget with the two changes. It was seconded by Melissa Steinman. All present voted in favor of approving the budget as presented.
 - I. There was further discussion about PTO funds as there is a surplus of money. Dana Matheny proposed an idea of a walking trail in the field behind the playground at the new school. Other ideas from attending members were music wall or shade structures. This was tabled for future discussion.
 - II. The approved budget will be posted along with minutes.
- IV. Old Business
 1. Meet your teacher night
 - I. There are almost 100 t-shirt orders already. There are still a few more days to order. PTO did not order extra as had been done in years past due to losing money and having extra shirts unused.
 - II. It was discussed if PTO should have a presence/table at both the meet the teacher nights (Kindergarten and 1st-5th grade). It was decided that this was a good time for parents to get the information needed about involvement with PTO. It was motioned by Julie Prater to approve PTO's attendance at both meet the teacher nights. Jessica Cicora seconded. All present in favor. Approved.
 - III. It was discussed about having the Woo-Hoo Boo-Hoo breakfast next year. This has been done in the last two years. It was not done this year. Some of the teachers asked about doing it again. With the new school next year, it was discussed that it might be nice to do something for everyone next year as we will all be new. Julie Prater mentioned Ambassador Parents to help everyone feel comfortable next year. There was a lot of interest in this. This topic is tabled for future meetings.
 2. First Day of school
 - I. Huge thank you for all the Helping Hands volunteers!

II. Thank you to all the parents that restocked the teacher's lounge coffee!

V. New Business

1. Back to School Bash with Kona Ice will be on 9/8/19 from 4-6pm. Flyers will go out Friday. Facebook page will be updated today with information. Rhona will send out information in the 'Peek of the Week' email.
2. All Star Sports Night is 9/20/19. Advertising will be increased as turnout was very low last year. Approximately 20 students attended. Will see how the turnout is this year and consider doing a different event next year to get the students together. Another idea is to coordinate our All Star Sports night with another Andover school. All Start sports offers these nights to two schools at a time in the months of August, September and May. It is a cash only event. Idea of getting a square but this is the only event that PTO would use that for at this time so square purchase will not be made.
3. GAD Parade. Theme is "Deal Us In"
 - I. Truck and Trailer with float vs decorated bikes and banner discussed. Last year struggled to get a volunteer with truck and trailer and help with construction. The kids seemed to enjoy riding/skating/walking in the parade. There is a banner that was held by 5th graders last year.
 - II. Last year bagged up candy and kids handed that out during parade.
 - III. Parents will need to walk with their student.
4. Room Parents – still need one for Mrs. Roebke's room. Email sent out last week with no response. Will send out another email this week to see if anyone is interested.
5. Aviate Night is 10/10/19.
 - I. This year they are giving 50% back which is up from 20%!
 - II. They are allowing us to have two nights this year. One is planned this October. Will plan for the spring for the second one.
 - III. Students will have to bring the flyer to Aviate for it to count.
6. Parent/Teacher conferences in October. Years past there has been a PTO catered meal. Last year PTO organized a sign up genius for soup dinner for the teachers. This went over well and the response from parents was amazing! Will proceed with similar food arrangement this year but possibly different food theme. Aimee Steffan is heading this up.
7. Bingo Night – Still a fun evening with great parent/student turnout. Discussed about scaling back on raffle tickets/donation and make it more about fun time together. Last year parents brought cookies to this event. This will be discussed further at future meeting.
8. Other ideas for Give Back Nights/student gathering/fundraising nights were discussed
 - I. Julie Prater will research and discuss options for give back nights at Spangles, Kendra Scott, Freddy's, etc. Cathy has coordinated these nights in the past.

- II. Idea of Movie Night mentioned by Kylee Meldon. Buy newer released movie. Families gather at school to watch it and then raffle it off at the end of the evening. Raffle tickets free to anyone that attends. Sell popcorn and candy at the event. Possibility of doing this in November or February.
 - III. Idea of having the kids hang out for a couple of hours at maybe \$5/kid while parents shop or gift wrapping fundraiser.
9. This is Amber's last year. Really needing someone to take over her position next year for the music programs. There are 4 concerts each year. This would involve sound, set up, making signs and other things to support the concert.
- VI. Principal's Comments
- 1. The idea for walking path at new school as mentioned above.
 - 2. Explained Exact path. It is a part of the redesign personalized learning. We have paid for this year. PTO paid for 1/3, Meadowlark 1/3 and district 1/3. District is looking at implementing this for all possibly next year. PTO may not have to pay for it again if this is done. Will discuss this further at end of the year.
- VII. Move to end the meeting by Amber Kear. Seconded by Jessica Cicora. Approved by all in attendance

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Liz Warman