

Meadowbrook PTO Meeting

March 8th / 9:00 AM / Meadowbrook / Zoom meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00am

Attendees

Kathy McNamara, Alexandra Delis, Kate Sweas, Laura Jaeger, Donna Collins, Erin Dineen, Devon Henninger, Ericka Garza, Megan Watters, Alina Pitman, Christina Anderson, Allie Shapiro, Jacqui, Kerry Green, Ameer Eusebio, Shirley Singh, Sandy Simon, Daya Levin

Agenda

Principal's Report (Erika Garza):

- School wide bingo last Friday, other school wide activities being planned. Focus on Social Emotional Learning topics.
- IAR testing starting for 3rd-5th grade students after spring break. All students will need headphones for this
- Science fair had huge turnout, planning underway for International Night.
- Victor (last name) presented yesterday for Erin's Law

President's Report (Kathy McNamara):

PTO Council update

- Sister School in Kenya: School supplies drive/cash donations will be accepted. Information meeting on March 16th at 7, reach out to Kathy McNamara for information on attending.
- April 7th: At Athletico from 10-12 fundraiser for the sister school. \$10 admission, parents must stay
- HoH 5k is coming up, scholarships to District 28 students. Looking for volunteers to join planning committee. 1 for main committee, and 1-2 to run fun runs before the race for students during recess. Contact Kathy McNamara if you are interested in volunteering. Run in May.
- Westmoor principal is leaving, will be looking for a replacement
- Remembrance activities planned in honor of Mary (LAST NAME)

School Board update:

- Master Plan has begun, will be ready December 2023.
- Short term plan: adjusting the schedule to allow for kids to eat lunch in the gym

PTO President report:

- Board positions:
 Laura Jaeger/Kate Sweas: Co-Presidents
 VP of Administration: Kris Lewis
 VP of Fundraising: Alina Pitman

VP of Room Parents: Shirley Singh
 Recording Secretary: Alexandra Delis
 Treasurer: Devon Henninger
 Website: Daya Levin

- Slate will be voted on in April meeting
- Committee chairs also have opening: Teacher Appreciation week would be great to fill

Executive Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Emily Hoesly):

- Nothing to report

Communication Secretary's Report (Christina Anderson):

- Nothing to report

VP of Programming's Report (Megan Watters):

- Science fair was a success, thanks to everyone who participated
- International night: Do we need to use both gyms?

VP of Fundraising's Report (Laura Jaeger):

- Thanks to Isabel Long for Winter Treats, raised about \$1200
- Parents Night Out: Thanks to the whole committee for their work, the event was a success and raised about \$7000 for teacher grants
- Update on Fonseca karate classes after school: revised to go through a non-profit organization. Discussions underway.
- Restaurant fundraisers: Planning underway, nothing set

VP of Room Parent's Report (Erin Dineen):

- Transition underway to Shirley Singh, winding down room parent activities for the year.

Recording Secretary's Report (Kate Sweas):

- Nothing to report

Committee Reports

a. International Night: Fliers went out, looking for volunteers. Graphic designers and volunteers during the event. Also looking for someone to reach out to consulates in Chicago who may want to provide materials. Karate presentation? There will be a table at the parent teacher conferences too with fliers/sign up sheet.

b. CATCH: Donna Collins

Frank Talk: opportunity for teens to get together to discuss topics/issues on March 12th

Lunch and Learn: 1 hour webinar on Tuesday March... "Is my kid ok"? Covers things to keep an eye out for.

c. Grant Committee

Will be sending survey to teachers for ideas on what the school needs, will come up with a list of options.

d. International night (April 20th)

16 countries signed up currently. Looking for more families to participate and volunteers to assist.

e. School supplies

Teachers returning lists this week, ordering will happen next week. Prices went up 8-22%. Headphones will be included for 3rd-5th graders as optional add on. Orders need to be in by April 14th.

f. 5th Grade Graduation

Yearbooks: In the past we have offered yearbooks to 5th grade teachers/aides etc. Looking at offering it to a wider group, including specials teachers etc. Looking at about \$200 over budget. Board approved, suggest soft cover books for staff. Look into possibility of some type of drop box for photos starting in kindergarten, where photos can be saved for 5th grade yearbook?

g. Book Fair

We have \$10,000 in Scholastic Dollars that should be spent. Need to determine how to spend it. Give teachers some Scholastic Dollars? Reduce amount to \$100, and encourage them to look at other options for Scholastic Dollars?

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

3/16: Pizza day

3/27-3/31: Spring Break