

# Meadowbrook PTO Meeting

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 / 9:00 AM / ZOOM Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:01am

## Attendees

Pat Thome, Kate Sweas, Laura Jaeger, Christina Anderson, Kathy McNamara, Lorena Stevenson, Erin Dineen, Jonna Reilly, Carron DeGrass, Kerry Green, Alex, Cbusko, Isabel Long, Erin Modjeski, Priya

## Agenda

### Principal's Report (Pat Thome):

- No winter sing this year. December 8<sup>th</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders will be taped and broadcast on Youtube channel. Kindergarten & 5<sup>th</sup> grade will do a spring performance
- Teachers will be in on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November for education on Bridges Math, social/emotional learning, and report cards.
- Meadowbrook received high honors from US News and World Report. All Middle schools in Northbrook made the list
- Halloween parties were a success, winter holiday parties will happen. Room parents will be notified. Parties will be 12/17
- Superintendent search is in progress. Finalists will rotate through School board, administrators, and parent teams. Once superintendent is identified, Mr. Thome's position will be posted. This will likely start in Jan/February. Dr. Hewitt will run the process as current superintendent with input from whoever is hired.
- Vaccination clinics for kids- does this affect Shield testing? Depends on percentage of kids who are immunized. If percentages are high, Shield testing is unlikely to continue. Shield testing could be discontinued after winter break.

### President's Report (Kathy McNamara & Lorena Stevenson):

PTO Council meeting update:

- HoH planning will be taken over by 2 Greenbriar parents
- Science curriculum will be revamped at district level
- District 28's sister school in Kenya: During COVID, kids did not go to school. Area hit hard by COVID, and there is a huge need for support. Need to raise awareness from district, looking for representatives from each school to support the efforts. More information will be coming.

- Gift cards: Lisa Raju is heading Gift Cards Plus for district. This will support the HoH scholarships. Room parents to notify class parents, hard copies will be distributed in kids folders.
- Superintendent search: Search committee will be reaching out to parents soon
- Cheers to 28 is happening. All district fundraiser is looking for co-chairs to represent Meadowbrook at district meetings. Will be held in April 2022.

**Treasurer's Report (Emily Hoesly):**

- Nothing to report

**Communication Secretary's Report (Christina Anderson):**

- Nothing to report

**VP of Programming's Report (Caryn Chalmers):**

- Nothing to report

**VP of Fundraising's Report (Laura Jaeger):**

- Bundlet cake fundraiser raised almost \$900
- Chick fil-a fundraiser- 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> of November
- December: Grab and go pack around Winter Sing (need to confirm date of release with Terry Ryan), possibly do an activity fundraiser, or possibly just take a break.
- Need to promote Amazon Smiles for holiday shopping
- Planning ahead to 2023 for Meadowbrook parents get together
- Birthday signs going well

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

- Parents were happy to be back for Halloween parties
- Will send out request for volunteers once timing details are final

**Recording Secretary's Report (Kate Sweas):**

- Nothing to report

**Committee Reports**

- Gift card plus update
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook will start collecting pictures
- Hospitality: Teacher breakfast and luncheon are coming up

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## Upcoming Events:

November 22<sup>nd</sup>: No school, institute day  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>: No school, institute day  
November 24<sup>th</sup>: No school, Thanksgiving break  
November 25<sup>th</sup>: No school, Thanksgiving break  
November 26<sup>th</sup>: No school, Thanksgiving break  
December 8<sup>th</sup>: PTO meeting at 9am