

# Meadowbrook PTO Meeting

November 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 / 9:00 AM / Meadowbrook / Zoom meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00am

## Attendees

Ericka Garza, Kate Sweas, Marla Stone, Stacie Sulentic, Laura Jaeger, Megan Watters, Kerry Green, Erin Dineen, Christina Anderson, Devon Henninger, Donna Collins, Amy Hiller, Jonna Reilly, Josa Singh, Allie Gray, Mindy, Emily Beck

## Agenda

### Marla's Lunch Update (Marla Stone):

January 2023: Marla's Lunch will be offered 5 days per week. The program will include the same vendors plus several new options, including more healthy/allergen free options. Tropical Smoothies, Max & Benny's, Jersey Mike's, Porky's, Marla's lunch catering options.

Buy a teacher a lunch option will also be rolled out: Option to purchase credits to go into staff accounts. You can choose an individual teacher/staff member to contribute to donations to buy a friend a lunch. Funds go into accounts for children who are not able to purchase Marla's lunch. PTO will start contributions.

Will be looking for parent volunteers to support the additional days. Need reminders to parents who ordered lunch so kids aren't going to school and not having lunch.

### Principal's Report (Erika Garza):

- a) Halloween parades/parties successful
- b) Prepping for report cards to go out at the end of the month
- c) Week of Thanksgiving no school, teacher institute days
- d) Meeting with Building Leadership team: The team will be discussing temperature thresholds for when kids go outside, among other topics. This group meets monthly and is made up of teachers/social worker/ESL/special education teachers. Staff only team currently. Reviewing what student needs are and how can they be addressed.

Question regarding therapy dog: Ms. Garza's dog needs to be recertified to match training level of other D28 therapy dog before he can return.

### President's Report (Kate Sweas for Kathy McNamara):

PTO Council update (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month):

- a) Gift Card Plus program is being eliminated (made very little money, was a lot of work, and didn't generate a lot of revenue)

- b) The district is developing a 10 year master plan and is hiring an architectural firm that will evaluate: Space utilization at each building, update demographic data and enrollment projections, and review safety and security protocols
- c) Illinois State Board of Education released school report cards on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The district will present an assessment report that includes these standardized testing results at the next board meeting.

Regarding concerns about school capacity, email the D28 board with questions/concerns- meeting schedule and board email addresses are posted on the D28 website.

PTO President report:

- a. Picnic tables are in the structure and it is ready to be used! The last piece of the puzzle is a plaque that will be placed on it dedicating it to Pat Thome. Lorena Stevenson, former PTO president is working on it.

### **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):**

- Nothing to report

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

- a) Birthday signs going well
- b) \$750 raised from Nothing Bundt Cakes
- c) 11/15: Grill House fundraiser takes place, PTO gets 20% of proceeds when you mention Meadowbrook
- d) 12/7: Lou Malnati's fundraiser
- e) 2/10: Winter treats scheduled, estimates from vendors are in progress
- f) 2/25: Parents night out at Pinstripes ballroom, will be a casino night. Contracts being finalized.

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

- a) Halloween parties went well, will start thinking about Holiday Party reminders/collect \$ for teacher gifts
- b) Will send Marla's lunch updates and volunteers

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

- Nothing to report

## Committee Reports

- a) RED Committee –
  - 1. Stacie Sulentic will be leading a RED project this month and will share some information on that. Note will be sent Friday to parents about an identity collage. Week before Thanksgiving there will be a presentation from the teacher and watch a video on identity. Tied to Thanksgiving and gratitude.
  - 2. Red Pledge banner is signed and will hung shortly.
  
- b) Hospitality – Kerry Green  
Nothing to report. Next event: Staff Holiday Lunch on December 15<sup>th</sup>
  
- c) Spirit Wear – Devon Henninger.  
Almost complete, embroidered items still pending. We will open up specific items that are orderable again to the school, Devon will send info to Christina to add to the newsletter

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:10 am

## Upcoming Events:

- NOV. 15** Grill House restaurant fundraiser
- DEC. 7** Lou Malnati's restaurant fundraiser
- DEC. 9** Special Spirit Day: Favorite book or movie character
- DEC. 14** PTO Meeting