

Meadowbrook PTO Meeting

October 12th, 2022 / 8:45 AM / Meadowbrook / Zoom meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:47 am

Attendees

Kathy McNamara, Megan Watters, Christina Anderson, Daya Levin, Erin Dineen, Emily Hoesley, Donna Collins, Devon Henninger, Ericka Garza, Dr. Jason Pearson, Maureen Guziec, Jenny Stein, Kerry Green, Isabel Long, Beth Lee, Alison, Brian Doane; Casady Zurek

Agenda

Superintendent Report

- D28 has seen increase in test scores, compared to downturns nationally
- Curriculum development team reviews district curriculum. Last year of Science review- encouraging hands on lab science work. This will be implemented next school year. Literacy and World Language curriculum reviews start next week- 3 year process begins.
- Safety and security in D28: Consortium of school districts and police and fire departments to ensure processes are aligned.
- Facility usage: Facility master plan in the works. Construction process is complicated by legislation as well as construction costs and timelines. Master plan will review short term and long term opportunities.
- Decisions on following school year are generally made in January.
- Communication around kindergarten registration should be reviewed, maybe add signs at the parks?
- Is increasing class size an option to alleviate the space issue? It is a last resort, but class size under 20 is always the goal. Commitment is to keep class sizes small.
- What about NBJH on space? Are they prepared for more students? Yes, with the building is able to handle additional students.
- How do our districts align with high school curriculum- specifically math and language. Dr. Raitzer is involved in discussions with high school
- Dr. Raitzer (?) Send questions to Terry Ryan as well

Principal's Report (Erika Garza):

- Check lost and found, lots of sweatshirts and water bottles left behind
- Continued reviews of safety protocols are ongoing. New safety practices may be communicated in the coming weeks.
- Halloween: kindergarten should come dressed, all other grades will bring costumes and change. 2:00 kindergarten parties, 2:15 parties for other grades, 2:45 parade. Class

volunteers will take group photos, help kids line up, and clean up room during parade. Need to communicate route and not to bring kids home until they have been dismissed. No masks, no weapons.

President's Report (Kathy McNamara):

PTO Council update (1st Tuesday of the month):

- State of district report cards come out in October
- Additional methods of communication coming from superintendent's office
- Dr. Kristin Raitzer- assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum spoke.
- D28 website lists all curriculum by grade- under teaching and learning tab, as well as curriculum review process.

Treasurer's Report (Emily Hoesly):

- Made \$400 on Eataco
- Spent \$500 on Fall Fest
- Last payment made on shelter

Communication Secretary's Report (Christina Anderson):

- PTO newsletter is linked to Friday update

VP of Programming's Report (Megan Watters):

- Fall Fest went well, would move to September next year due to darkness
- Assembly in spring
- Bingo night may be reconfigured
- March 1st is Science Fair, April 19th is Cultural Fair. Greenbriar cultural fair is in November, our committee should attend to see how it works

VP of Fundraising's Report (Laura Jaeger):

- Birthday signs: no issues

Marla's Lunch:

- Marla's lunch: field trip slips went to teachers so parents can be refunded
- Increasing # of days for Marla's lunch in 2023. We will offer it 5 days. Pizza days will be blocked out but all other full days will have Marla's lunch. Greenbriar and Westmoor currently offer 5 days.
- Marla's lunch will be offering "buy a teacher lunch".
- 10% increase over last year over the same time period.
- Pizza days may be 2x per month next year

Restaurants:

- Eataco: raised \$400
- Nothing Bundt cakes deadline is October 17th. Need to spread the word via communications and room parents as well as weekly newsletter. Distribution is Friday October 28th.
- November 15th is Grill House fundraiser

- December 7th is Lou Malnati's Parents night out:
 - Saturday February 25th, committee is in planning process.

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

- Need to communicate to parents about Halloween
- Check with Kris Lewis about route map

Recording Secretary's Report (Kate Sweas):

- Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Project Red

- 1st activity is to sign the "Red Pledge"
- More to come throughout the year

Cultural Fair

- Need to set a date, we have volunteers signed up. Possible date of April 19th?

5th Grade Committee

- Planning phase

Hospitality

- Food will be delivered today and tomorrow for teachers for conferences

CATCH Update (Donna Collins)

- In person event at GBN next Thursday the 20th, around parents helping kids
- Webinar recorded yesterday on managing screen time. Practical tips on transitions
- Coping kits will be distributed to 3rd graders & coping skills cards for each classroom

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:10 am

Upcoming Events:

October 13th: Half day of school

October 14th: No school

October 17th: Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser last date to purchase

October 27th: Pizza day

October 28th: Nothing Bundt Cakes distributed at school

October 31st: Halloween class parties and parade