

Meadowbrook PTO Meeting

September 14th, 2022 / 9:00 AM / Meadowbrook / Zoom meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00am

Attendees

Kathy McGuinness, Laura Jaeger, Donna Collins, Veronica Cortis, Kerry Green, Alison Kozak, Amy Hiller, Emily Hoesley, Mindy, Maureen, Shirley Singh, Tim, Alex, Erin Dineen, Beth, Devon Henninger, Jenny Stein, Isabel Long, Megan Watters, Allie Gray, Matt Pear, Cassidy Zurich, Beth Lee, Daya Levin, Christina Anderson, Alejandro Valarino

Agenda

Principal's Report (Erika Garza):

- Curriculum night a success, lots of parents participated. Suggestion around extending the times for the curriculum night, some parents felt rushed.
- Field trips going forward
- Safety drills happening throughout school
- Block captain/safe house program cancelled, need to investigate if there is a need for it
- MAP testing started this week
- Still looking for teachers assistants for 1st, 2nd, and 4th
- Looking for tall desks

President's Report (Kathy McNamara):

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

- Shield testing is underway, take-home kids only. About 60 people enrolled at each school.
- National records of academic achievement: National scores have gone down, but D28 has not seen a drop.
- School board meeting update: Security is high priority for Dr. Pearson. Balancing transparency with security concerns. D28 is working with Northfield Township to ensure a cohesive plan between the different municipalities
- Using D27 as a model
- PTO council meeting notes available online
- Meadowbrook school growth discussed. Need to look at area trends to determine if this increase is going to continue, or is it an aberration. Kindergarten and 1st grade have 5 sections each, 2-5 have 4 sections. Class sizes continue to be small.
- Add school board meeting dates in newsletter to raise awareness for parents
- New Picnic area under construction

CATCH Update (Donna Collins)

- Community Action for Children's Health
- Helping families and kids with mental health issues
- Northfield based, includes multiple districts
- Donna is the new Meadowbrook liaison for CATCH

Treasurer's Report (Emily Hoesly):

- Birthday signs: on track to be higher than last year
- Free will donation: down \$400 but it is early in the year
- Field trips: \$1500 budgeted for school
- Funding outdoor structure using surplus funds
- Community garden at Meadowbrook for future project?

Communication Secretary's Report (Christina Anderson):

- Nothing to report

VP of Programming's Report (Megan Watters):

- Fall Fest October 7th from 5:30-7:30, volunteers needed to support (1/2 hour increments). Food, Bubble Guy, DJ, Crafts. Room parents to send flier out.

VP of Fundraising's Report (Laura Jaeger):

- Birthday signs: over 200 orders for early bird special. 16 parent volunteers delivering signs. Sign up still available for anyone who still wants to purchase.
- Marla's Lunch: Consistent numbers from last year, slightly higher. A few new vendors added this year. 175-200 orders per day. Other schools offer 5 days, do we want to consider going to 4 or 5 days? Need to plan around field trips.
- Restaurant/Treat fundraisers:
 - ✓ Kona Ice was successful, made \$450.
 - ✓ Eataco fundraiser on Wednesday Sept. 28th.
 - ✓ Fall treats: Nothing Bundt Cakes will be coming in October.
 - ✓ Grill House coming in November
- Parents Night Out: Saturday February 25th for Meadowbrook families only

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

- Great coverage for all rooms for room parents
- Party coverage is pretty full. Website issues when registration for parties opened. Need to address for next year. Maybe do a Sign Up Genius next year?

Recording Secretary's Report (Kate Sweas):

- Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Project Red

- Brainstorming happening now, chairs to reach out to their volunteers

Cultural Fair

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

5th Grade Committee

- Planning phase

Book Fair

- Week of October 19th
- E-wallet will be available for kids so they don't have to bring cash
- Basket to be added for specialist teachers
- Time: Noon-6 Monday, 8am-6 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Spirit Wear:

- Deadline to order 9/23

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:10 am

Upcoming Events:

September 19

- Picture Day. [FORM](#)

September 19 - 22

- Book Fair at MB. [INFO](#)

September 25

- Spirit Wear Ordering Deadline

September 26

- No School

September 28

- Eataco Fundraiser

October 5

- No School

October 7

- Fall Fest