

Meadowbrook PTO Meeting

September 8th, 2021 / 9:00 AM / ZOOM Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:03 am

Attendees

Christina Anderson, Kathy McNamara, Erin Dineen, Laura Jaeger, Lorena Stevenson, Kate Sweas, Pat Thome, Carron DeGrass, Emily Hoesly, Anna Kotova, Dennis Dapo, Jake Deutsch, Kerry Green, Shirley Singh, "Priya", Kendle Gorski, Allie Gray, "Alexandra's iPhone", Joanna Reilly, "Ashraf", "elijerry's iPhone", Caryn Chalmers, Effie Liosatos, "cbuscko"

Agenda

Principal's Report (Pat Thome):

- Good start to school year, very few COVID exposures so far
- Lunch, recess, gym classes have been outside and will continue to be as long as the weather is good
- Winter sing: classroom winter sings likely. Not determined if they will be in person or broadcast.
- Parent teacher conferences: Likely to be via zoom
- Principal search: School board will complete Superintendent search December. January, then begin principal search. New Superintendent will have input, but Dr. Hewitt will oversee the process. Parent volunteers will be solicited
- Shield testing starting next week.
 - Tuesdays 8:45-11:45, Thursdays 11-11:45am.
 - There are approximately 357-358 students participating in the program.
 - It will operate in the small gym, one class will be brought in at a time.
 - An additional Shield testing communication was sent out today from Terry Ryan.
 - Based on experience from other school districts, we are expecting the first few times to not go smoothly. Younger kids have a harder time filling the vial
 - Children cannot eat or drink one hour before the test.
 - Test results within 24 hours. If there is a positive test result, another test will be required.
 - Remote learning: options are one on one time with teachers, live streaming, or record sessions. Specials are not doing remote learning unless the whole class is quarantined.
 - Please see email communication for more information.
- Security upgrades: Over the summer new key fobs were added to various doors around the school.

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

- PTO Council updates
 - SHIELD Testing:
 - Of 1,850 students, 331 have opted out of Shield testing (18%). This can change, and includes the 7th and 8th graders who are already vaccinated.
 - If someone vaccinated takes the test and tests positive, quarantine is required. Is possible to have a false positive if you are vaccinated. The test has a 3% error rate,
 - Superintendent replacement: Sept. 20th-Oct. 12th, public forums will be held. Surveys, focus groups, etc. for parents to provide input. Once the Superintendent is selected, Meadowbrook principal position will be filled.
 - Greenbriar outbreak: 3 total children in one class tested positive. Now the whole class is remote learning in quarantine.
 - Cheers to 28 is still moving forward, fundraising for HOH/scholarships for graduating high school students. Possibly outside venues, spring dates, other options on the table.
 - No Fall Fests for any of the schools, still exploring outside Meadowbrook events.
 - Fall fest alternatives: Outside movie, other options. Pat to talk to Dr. Hewitt. Spring fest instead? Looking for creative alternatives

Treasurer's Report (Emily Hoesly):

- Birthday signs: \$3,800, compared to \$4,300 last year
- PTO dues: A few hundred behind from last year
- Hassle free fundraiser: About \$500 so far, about \$800 down from last year
- Kona ice: \$100
- Amazon smile: Encouraging people to sign up to get revenue from that, since boxtops are done
- Expenses: Teacher lunches, donations to CATCH foundation, spirit wear shirts for students and staff

Communication Secretary's Report (Christina Anderson):

- Spirit wear ordering deadline is September 10th

VP of Programming's Report (Caryn Chalmers):

- Fall Fest is cancelled
- Proposing other options, like breaking things down by grade or by zones or families. Some way to get people together. Pat to discuss with Dr. Hewitt.

VP of Fundraising's Report (Laura Jaeger):

- Kona Ice Truck for kindergarten meet the teacher

- Looking into options for community building/fundraising options while weather is warm
- Birthday sign fundraiser: 170 students signed up, 14 volunteers signed up. Early bird special is over, but will continue to promote it throughout the year.
- Possibly doing monthly partnerships with local restaurants
- Pizza day: still to be determined, possibly outside. Hoping to get it back on for the school year. All schools currently have it on hold.
- Profiles of volunteers, teachers, other staff (Communications?)

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

- Teacher gifts: best way to donate is via room parent communications
- Every class has 2 room parents, with the exception of 3 classes with 1
- Class parties: no update yet

Recording Secretary's Report (Kate Sweas):

- Nothing to report

Committee Reports

- Nothing to report

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Upcoming Events:

September 10th: Spirit wear purchase cutoff date & ice cream day
September 16th: No school,: Yom Kippur
September 21st: D28 Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm
October 5th: D28 PTO Council meeting, 9am
October 11th-13th: Book fair
October 13th: October PTO meeting at 9am