

Date: November 1, 2017
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Band Room B17

PTM – Parents and Teachers at Meadows **General Meeting Agenda**

Recording Secretary: Holly Brauer

- The October 4, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Presidents' Report: Leeann Spangler and Carrie Lifshitz

- T-shirt/spirit wear sales are available on the PTM website. Items will be delivered to Meadows in late November and mid-December and will be distributed directly to students.
- Madison PTOs will be drafting letters to Arizona State politicians relating our support of Madison teachers, desire for teacher raises, etc.
- A Parent PTM survey was sent out earlier this week. It is a 15 question survey. If 200 surveys are completed, students will be granted a "free seat" day in the cafeteria at lunchtime.
- The Phoenix Suns have offered up 50 single game tickets to Meadows. For those schools that partake in the game(s), a drawing will be conducted giving each school an opportunity to win money for their PTOs.
- Bingo Night has been set for November 30, 2017. Doors will open at 5:30 PM. Campus clubs will be selling food and drink items at the event. There will also be a silent auction at the event. The entry fee for a bingo card (10 games) will be \$5. This is a community event.
- Meadows will be hosting a Holiday Helping Turkey Drive for families in need in the school community. Nurse Sharon will be helping determine the families most in need. A Sign-Up-Genius will likely go out to help raise awareness and collect additional food items.
- Dad's Club will be hosting a neighborhood clean-up event at Meadows on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Interested participants should meet in the 3rd Avenue parking lot. The event runs from 7-10 AM.

Treasurers' Report: Maria Rowell and Lori Takeuchi

- The current budget was reviewed and approved.
- A question was asked about how to request PTM funds to reimburse Committee Chair expenses. The request form is available on the PTM website.
- Dad's Club raised over \$400 selling coffee and donuts at RAMMS games two Saturdays in October.
- A question was asked regarding the high bank fees charged thru Square and other electronic payment methods. There is an ongoing effort in place to try to find ways to reduce these fees.

Vice President Spring Fundraiser: Dionne Washington

- Nothing reported this month.

Communications Secretary: Nicole Lynch

- The November Med-O-Gram (MOG) was sent out on November 1, 2017.
 - As a reminder, there is no school on November 10, 22, 23, or 24, 2017.
 - Dad's Club will be meeting on November 15, 2017.
 - The 1st annual Meadows' PTM Bingo Night will be held on November 30, 2017.
- All 8th grade parents should send in a picture of their students for the 8th Grade Commencement activities.

Committee Reports:**Snack Shack & Restaurant Night:** Kathryn Majors

- Dessert night is scheduled for November 16, 2017 at Zoyo on Glendale and 12th Street.
- Snack shack earnings are going well.

Teacher Appreciation: Jennie Elser and Angel Conaway

- Food was served to teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences.

Box Tops: Sadie Jo Smokey

- Almost 5,000 Box Tops were collected and sent in. This collection amounted to \$478.10 in cash back to Meadows.

Disability Awareness: Blaire Hinks

- Several lunchtime visits were made to the cafeteria during the month of October in celebration of and as education about Down Syndrome month.
- Unfortunately no students signed up for the Down Syndrome walk this year. Blaire will work with PTM and parents to bring better awareness to and for the event in 2018.
- Students signed a pledge to no longer say the 'R' word. There was some confusion on this issue but Blaire handled everything wonderfully.
- November is Spina Bifida month. A preschool child visited Meadows on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 to pass out lollipops and put a face to spina bifida. The Spina Bifida Walk is scheduled for November 18, 2017.

8th Grade Commencement Committee: Amanda Adams

- A General Meeting attendee volunteered to be in charge of commencement t-shirts this year.

Teacher Report: Matt Goff

- Nothing to report this month.

Principal Report: Pat Carney

- Madison District's Shining Star award was given to Meadows' librarian Maria Rowell in October.
- Announcements have been made to remind students to wear their ID badges. Next week students will start receiving Minor Incident Reports (MIRs) if they don't have their badges on and visible.
- Both Mrs. Carney and Mr. Merrill walked the neighborhoods this week, reminding parents that they need to be dropping off and picking up students in the designated

areas and at the appropriate times. Additional e-mails, e-blasts, etc. will be sent out to remind parents of this rule.

- Photographs of the new building were shown to the General Meeting attendees.
 - The construction project continues to move forward on schedule.
- Meadows is currently looking to hire a new 7th grade math teacher to replace Mr. Goose who has left the school. Mr. Samuels is filling in in the math class until a replacement teacher is hired.
- If a school has space for an in district student, he/she must be allowed to go to the school. If a student has been expelled from a Madison school, other schools in the district do NOT have to accept the student. Expelling students is a lengthy, difficult process. Students who attend Meadows on a variance may be asked not to return based on grades, attendance, behavioral issues, etc.
- The No Place for Hate program was discussed. Mrs. Coughlin and Blaire Hinks are the facilitators of the program. This is a new initiative at Meadows and as such is still being fully developed and implemented.
- Student of the Quarter is determined by grade level and ties student behavior into the IB/PBIS expectations. Teachers nominate students for the award.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting December 6, 2017