

PTM – Parents and Teachers at Meadows - General Meeting Minutes

Handouts: Budget Overview, Calendar, Fall Fundraiser Flyer, May 16th Meeting Minutes, Agenda

Welcome: Leeann Spangler

- Brief introductions from all attendees.

Guest Speaker 1: Dr. Kenneth Baca – Madison School District Superintendent

- Begin his position this past July, came from Tempe School District
- A main goal for the District is to focus on the social and emotional aspect of students.
- Question & Answer session.

Recording Secretary: Chris Goodfarb

- Due to time restraints for this meeting, May 16th minutes will be reviewed at next meeting.
- Copies of meeting minutes can be found on the PTM website.

Budget Report: Lori Takeuchi

- Review of proposed 2018-19 PTM Budget
- Teresa Rink made a motion to approve the budget, Maria Rowell 2nd the motion, all approved.
- Committee expenses can be taken from general fund if not already a line item. Committees can also request a line item.

Principal Report: Pat Carney

- Meadows' secretary Heidi Conevera has taken the position of Admin Secretary at Maintenance and Transportation with the District and will be replaced by Maria Rowell. Mrs. Rowell's position in the library will be taken over by Traci Haddox. Mrs. Haddox was previously our librarian and will be returning to that position. Looking to hire someone in the Secretary II position.
- Sad to report there was vandalism in the boys' bathroom of the K building.
- Thank you to Lori Takeuchi for arranging the Wonder presentation to the 7th & 8th Grade students. Attendees received praise for their "great, thoughtful questions." Ms. Carney and Ms. Takeuchi were proud.
- Meeting this Friday with the architects regarding phase II of construction at Meadows which will begin in May.
- Art Teacher Ms. Starkey needs magazines.

Teacher Representative: Kim Thomas

- Ms. Thomas is this years' new Teacher Representative
- Talked about some things that the students are doing.

President's Report: Leeann Spangler

- On the back of the agenda is a list of everything that PTM did last year
- At the back to school breakfast \$150 was given to each teacher to get supplies for their classroom.
- The Executive Board approved Theresa Rink as the new Vice President – Fall Fundraiser
- The Holiday party will be at The Madison (new performing arts center)
- Sept. 15th is Make a Difference Day where students can come help clean up the school and earn community service hours.
- PTM is not allowed to support specific political candidates but they can support propositions. The Executive Board has approved our support to "No on 305". Proposition 305 would expand the school voucher program which takes money out of public education. The Executive Board also approved continued support of #RedforEd, and with no objection from general members will continue that support.
- PTM was invited to co-host a non-partisan candidate forum at the District Office which will take place at 5:30pm on October 1st.

Committee Reports

Fall Fundraiser: Theresa Rink

- Fall Fundraiser will kick off on Fri, Sept. 7th.
- We will be doing direct donation and catalog sales

- Lots of prizes for students, lunch time raffles and a Mega Color Party.
- Goal is to raise \$28,000

Camp Friendly Pines: Bridget Bell & Chris Goodfarb

- Camp was a success. Despite some rain students got to do all activities.
- Camp will remain a Fall trip but probably September next year.
- Fundraising still needs to be done for future years. There will be a candle sale coming in October and they can be purchased online.

Restaurant Nights: Kathryn Major

- Despite the stormy night we raised \$108 at Panera last month.
- Sept 20th will be Zoyo and Oct. 16th will be Carlo's O'Briens

Snack Shack: Kathryn Major

- Today was the first day it was open.
- Will be open Wed & Fri after school.
- PTM purchased a new freezer which is working well.
- Will look at possibly opening during soccer but not many games here.

Teacher Appreciation: Leeann Spangler

- Patty Wubker is chair.
- Volunteers getting sign ups to help.

Dad's Club: Chuck Carter

- Dad's club is an extension of PTM.
- Help raise money for the school and provide fun activities for families
- First meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 11th

Picture Day/Vision & Hearing: Danielle Hansen

- Picture Day went well, thank you to all the volunteers. Retakes will be Oct. 25th (no volunteers needed).
- Vision & Hearing Screenings for all grades will be done Sept. 24-27th, volunteers needed. Please sign up to help.

Book Fair: Maria Rowell

- Book Fair is going on now in the library (AKA Learning Commons). Will be open at 8:10am.
- Thank you to the volunteers.
- All money raised goes towards purchasing books for the library.

Open House: Leeann Spangler & Pat Carney

- Served over 500 plates of spaghetti.
- It was suggested that there be a bit more structure next year.
- Visiting the Band room was difficult. It was suggested he speak to small groups.
- Teachers did like the new format.

Bingo Night: Leeann Spangler

- Will be held Thursday, October 4th
- Need Bingo prizes, please look around for things you can donate.
- Purchased our own Bingo set/cage.

Disability Awareness: Blair Hinks

- If anyone wants to join this committee, please contact Blair.
- They will be partnering with Mrs Coughlin's No Place for Hate group.
- Will be highlighting a disability each month, will be information in the school announcements for students.
- There will be opportunities for students to get involved with the disability charity organization (i.e. Walks, etc).

Box Tops: Sadie Jo Smokey-Crews

- We raised \$1,000 last year from box tops.
- Will be collecting just before Fall Break

Communications Secretary: Nicole Lynch

- If you are not receiving the eblasts please be sure to give Nicole your email.
- You do need to sign up every year for Ms. Carney's eblasts.
- Sept. Med-O-Gram came out 9/1.

Misc. Discussions:

- A question was asked as to whether the band teacher could come and speak.
- The new uniforms for softball, volleyball, track and flag football were shown.
- Held a drawing for Meadows cups. Winners: Holly Brauer & Leonard Bodell.
- Mr. Merrill received a message from Valley Lutheran High School that they are having a visitation evening for 8th Graders on Sept. 14th.

Guest Speaker 2: Becki Williams – Meadows Social Worker

- Has spent 20 years in the mental health field and 5 years in the Madison District.
- Working here at Meadows everyday this year.
- Her job is to support the whole student so they can learn.
- Seeking to integrate social and emotional learning.
- PowerPoint Slides - 3 most concerning trends for middle school students (from a safety perspective): 1) Suicide Prevention – Doki Doki Literature Club app is very dangerous with suicide suggestions, 2) Social Media – know how to use the apps your student is using. A contract for students to sign will be in the next Med-O-Gram, 3) Vaping – not regulated.
- Students who see or know something should be instructed to come to a safe adult with information.
- There is a "We Thought You Should Know" box for students to provide anonymous information.
- Doing presentations to the 6th Grade.
- Does not provide individual counseling sessions but can assist in finding help.

Nichole Lynch motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chris Goodfarb seconded.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30pm in the Learning Commons, After PTM Meeting there will be a presentation on what parents should know about teen depression and suicide.

A complete recording of this meeting can be found at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1fl078yKkbLc5WjGgtjaaY6jfcZ6XznxZ>