

PTM – Parents and Teachers at Meadows - General Meeting Minutes

Handouts: Agenda, Budget vs Actuals, 10/4/18 Meeting Minutes, Sweet Republic flyer, CFP Candle Fundraiser flyer, Dad's Club Meeting flyer, Support Our Troops item collection flyer, By-laws amendment proposal

Welcome: Leeann Spangler

Recording Secretary: Chris Goodfarb

- Minutes for last meeting (Oct 4) were reviewed
- Holly Brauer moved to approve minutes, Lori Takeuchi seconded, all approved.
- Copies of meeting minutes & link to recording can be found on the PTM website.

Budget Report: Lori Takeuchi

- Review of Budget vs Actual to date
- Holly Blair moved to approve the budget, Nicole Lynch second, all approved.

Principal Report: Mr. Merrill (for Mrs. Carney)

- Mrs. Coughlin – Madison Ambassadors & No Place For Hate Committee have put together a school resolution for respect. This has been reviewed by all students & staff and each have signed a puzzle piece as pledge to follow, copy was passed around at meeting for attendees to sign as well.
- Proud to say that we have moved from a B to an A due, this is a celebration for our teachers & parents for our growth in learning and other areas.
- Mr. Merrill & Mrs Carney wish to have a safe and welcoming campus for all students. A discussion began over administrations duties to follow specific policies that are in place.
- In regards to fighting at school, administration must refer to the handbook for the definitions and must stay consistent with the matrix in regards to punishments. Witnesses are always encouraged to come forward, need to get an environment of helping rather than “snitching”.
- Bullying is defined in the handbook and Meadows follows the district policy and state laws in regards to this. (Can refer to last Med-O-Gram for definition information as well). Next month there will be a presentation for parents on bullying (Dec. 5th @ 6:30pm).
- Madison School District does not support cameras at this time due to privacy issues.

Teacher Representative: Kim Thomas

- Staff says thank you for the food at teacher conferences.
- Spelling Bee will be Thurs, 12/6 9am-11am – Ms. Whitney looking for a celebrity pronouncer (they will get book ahead of time).
- 11/29 sixth grade field trip to iMax.
- Student Council is having a drive for items to send to the troops (through Nov. 16th).
- Digital Design class using the 3D Pens for learning the design process. Five have died, PTM can use grant money to purchase more.
- Digital Design class will be working with green screen video.
- Seventh grade has a field trip to Junior Achievement Finance Park where they worked on career & budget projects. Was very well received.
- Cross Country has 48 kids and the boys took first, the girls second (had an amazing number in the top 20). Comments were made that Meadows runners are great ambassadors for Meadows on the Bridal Path (polite, etc.)

President's Report: Leeann Spangler

- We received 20 Disney park hopper tickets from Ms. Whitney's service day. Requirements to receive are it involves families, is community oriented and attendees are identified and sign in. These will be used for PTM fundraisers.
- Bingo Night was a success, approx. 200 people came and money was raised for Meadows clubs/groups as well as PTM.
- Meadows Got Talent will happen in February, will be holding tryouts soon.
- PTM looking into doing a Facebook Live stream of our meetings in the future.
- Due to an issue that happened on another PTO board, PTM has put together an amendment to our bylaws on procedures for removing board or committee members. This will be voted on at next meeting.
- Holiday Helping will be led by the Dad's Club to help provide meals to needy Meadows families for the holidays, watch for donation request.
- Spirit Wear: Dionne's research on designs and supplier moving forward, watch for ways to order soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Commencement:** Bridget Bell

- Dance will be May 17th, Commencement is May 20th, Water Day is May 21st (Last Day is May 22nd)
- Committee meeting on 11/16 @ 6:30 at Becky Nieto's house (across the crosswalk from Meadows on Central)

Fall Fundraiser: Theresa Rink

- Has a few more catalog orders to hand out.
- Thank you to volunteers who helped at Color Party, it was a success – look for photos on Facebook.

Restaurant Nights: Kathryn Major

- Nov 14th: Sweet Republic (flyers can be presented off of phone)
- Need a better turn out – talked about possibly using the Remind system, getting an Instagram account, use word of mouth/social media sharing more, maybe ask for incentives

Dad's Club: Mr. Merrill for Scott

- Have raised about \$250 during donut sales at RAMMS football games
- Had 27 volunteers help with the 11/5 clean up day
- Next meeting (dodge ball to follow) will be 11/13 at Lincoln Heights Church

Disability Awareness: Blaire Hinks

- Currently spina bifida and diabetes month, will be information in the announcements tomorrow.
- 11/17 there is a walk, kids can earn service hours.

Box Tops: Sadie Jo Smokey

- Last collection raised \$400, thank you.

Holiday Party: Leeann Spangler

- Combined party for both Simis & Meadows teachers, staff & parents.
- Starts at 3:30pm on Friday, Dec. 6th – watch for more information soon.

Camp Friendly Pines: Chris Goodfarb

- 5th Grade extending the candle sale, see flyer for information, can buy online this year.

Teresa Rink motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sadie Jo Smokey-Crews seconded.

Meeting Adjourned

After PTM Meeting there was a presentation by Planned Parenthood on parents as sexuality educators.