



Meadow View PTO General Meeting Agenda August 22, 2018

1. Call To Order - our first meeting was broadcast live over the internet for the first time.
 - A. Introductions - Each new and returning member made brief introductions.

2. Principals' Report -

Mrs. Dahl reported that academic performance was up, even though test scores were down. Test scores are comparable to other schools in the area, and it was confirmed among administrators that the test was especially difficult last Spring. She had not compared scores to local charter schools. She is proud that the school does not teach to the test but rather focuses on test-taking skills and strategies. She also mentioned that parents opting their child out of these tests does affect the scores.

It was brought up that there are a lot of critics of Meadow View in local social media, and Mrs. Dahl responded by asking those critics to tour the school or talk with her directly about their concerns. They have ramped up professional development, but growth does take time and isn't always reflected in current numbers or grades on various websites. There are plans to perform better, but it's an ever-evolving process.

Meadow View has nine new staff members this year due to life changes among staff last year. The change does not reflect poor morale, as there is an 87% happiness rating amongst current staff. Mrs. Dahl believes it may be her strongest team yet.

Mrs. Dahl budgeted for an estimated 424 students, but we are at 447. Funds are allocated per student, though this increase is not enough to allow for another 2nd or 3rd grade teacher.

3. Officers' Report

- A. Presidents' Report

- Ashleigh's mission is to recruit volunteers and add awareness of our goals.

- Alishia wants to add fundraising opportunities like a potential event of pics with Father Christmas. She also wants to add PTO Bios to the website.

- B. Vice President's Report - Juli is helping all of the board with the Fun Run with her experience. Lee is moving on with fundraising opportunities for the Fun Run, finding local, regional and national partners. MOD Pizza will feed the volunteers. A description of the Fun Run was given by both and more explanation can be found on the PTO website or Facebook page. Someone can donate a tent, as the one we bought last year was destroyed by wind. It was suggested that a prize could be principal for the day to the highest fundraiser. Raised funds will go toward new Ipads and Chromebooks. Classrooms lost 88 ipads last year due to being outmoded or were irreparable. Chromebooks have also started to fail. Juli raised the concern that these 1:1 ratio of kids to chromebooks/Ipads seemed extravagant, but other schools in the area do the same and the middle school has achieved this ratio. It can be proven by teachers that these are necessary as testing and activities in many units require them. Staff laptops are

Macs and they also need a backup for when they have problems, as many classroom functions require the use of these laptops. We achieved \$19k after all fees last year and hope to break the \$20k in funds this year.

C. Secretary's Report - Brett writes stuff down and puts it in binders.

D. Treasurer's Report - Shannon presented the approved budget for the year and it was approved. Spirit Wear and Read-a-thon are mentioned but will be discussed at later dates once more research comes in.

4. Minutes Review from May 17, 2018 meeting - Minutes were approved.

5. New Business

A. Crayola Colorcycle program - research to see if they take all brands. Trial run to see if it is easily supported.

B. Edukits - Another company was proposed (EPI). They match rates and offer discounts. A contact was present and will aid in this project moving forward.

C. DCSD Board Meeting Revenue Measure - Mill Levy. No further discussion was allowed.

D. Trunk or Treat - Replacing Fall Festival with an after school event involving trick or treating out of car trunks in the parking lot. The idea was praised and we will move forward with that.

E. 2 hour power volunteer - Alishia presented the idea behind the sign up forms where people volunteer two hours of their time in connection with their hobbies and availability. Many at-home opportunities are available, as well as at the school.

6. Old Business-

A. Bathroom stall painting - Still researching. Starting with painting the stalls and then will move forward on planning when the stenciling and painting will occur and who will do it (parent volunteers vs. High School students).

B. Spirit Wear - Still researching clients that can ship good quality product direct to families with no minimum order. Ongoing.

7. Volunteer Needs

A. Donuts with Dad - Aug. 31st. As of now we have enough volunteers.

B. Fun Run - Signup Genius will go out for various roles that need to be filled.

C. Box Tops - We have a volunteer to take over the BoxTops project.

D. Volunteer Coordinator - Looking for someone to coordinate all volunteers and aid in recruiting them. Shannon Fenske will assist Alishia in coordinating this.

8. Monthly Drawing for Parking Spot - Gen Ewing, Raffle of gift card- April 5.

9. Committee Break Out and Discussion of Immediate Needs