

PTO General Meeting Minutes October 25, 2017

Attendees: Juli Watkins (President), Brett Martin (Co-President), Tanya Noble (Vice President), Shannon Brandow (Treasurer), Alishia Sandecki (Secretary), and Nikkole Anderson (Staff Member at Large)

Staff: Lacey Dahl (Principal), Jenn Bass (Assistant Principal), Meghann Buchanan (3rd grade), Jenny Lamoreaux (3rd Grade), Libby Phyle (Special Education), and Jess Axelrad (Art)

PTO Members: Carrie Iverson, Teri Walker, Demmi Lazof, Heather Cresmen, Shannon Fenske, Meghann Buchanan, Laura Tapparo, Heather Myhr and Susan Ledbetter

- **Call to order**
- **Principal's report - Lacey**
 - Meadow View has jumped off its improvement plan status up two levels to a performance plan, which is a two-level jump in a four-level scale. Some communications being circulated by members supporting the Elevate slate for BOE contain outdated information about Meadow View's status, and the school is concerned that it reflects poorly on the school, when it has already addressed the issue. Lacey invites anyone with questions to call her.
 - The school is hosting an Artful Learning night Thursday December 7th, that will include an open house on various projects the students have been working on and a performance for our 4th 5th and 6th grades. A similar event will take place in the spring for the K-3rd grades. Parking challenges and gym size are the reasons for staggering the events.
- **Teachers Report- 3rd grade & Special Ed.**
 - **3rd grade: Meghann Buchanan, Jenny Lamoreaux, Nichole Chavira**
 - We were shown what an inquiry center looks like: Experience, inquire, create and reflect.
 - A concept they have been working on is "What is health? How does this influence yourself and others?" Using graphic organizers to show healthy vs. unhealthy.
 - They had a volunteer yoga instructor and dentist to share experiences and benefits.
 - They use art to connect, as well as books and literacy to help connect concepts.
 - They have tabletop discussions, they really have discussions about choices and how it affects people. It is a higher level of thinking.
 - They then reflect as well as take a summative test.
 - They will be giving announcements to the school in the morning to give a healthy tip of the day.
 - Please come and stop by to see the kids in action and get a feel of their day.
 - **Special Education: Libby Phyle**
 - They work hard to modify and accommodate their needs. In the general or special education classrooms.
 - They can get hands on with their work and work as a group.

- **Officers reports-**
 - **President report: Juli Watkins and co-president Brett**
 - Updates on Fun Run - we made our goal- \$20,300 approx. We will be able to report a final amount after a few more bills are paid and purchasing prizes.
 - We had a higher percentage of online donations than the previous years.
 - Celebration day is November 17th. We recognize the classes what they won. Lacey and Jenn will be wearing their costumes.
 - Fall Festival- 5th 6th are having dance party, while the lower grades will play games.
 - We had a question from a parent, asking about what the money we raise goes to exactly. We have been budgeting for grants, but no grants had been requested. This year teachers and staff have started to request grants. Please if you have any ideas for things the school needs or see anything that needs to be replaced, bring it up to staff so they can submit grant requests to the PTO.
 - **VP- Tanya Nobel-** Spirit Night November 30th Raising Caine's.
 - **Secretary- Alishia Sandecki-** the PTO binder with past minutes and bylaws are in the school office and are available upon request.
 - **Treasurer- Shannon Brandow**
 - We have brought our chair price with shipping to \$510. We need to approve higher allowance for the chair price. [Voted among members and was approved: \(22:0\).](#)
 - Reading resource room have ordered many books.
 - They had met as a team for the makerspace last month. A sewing machine, tools, tool chest, chairs and other things to make it more welcoming.
 - Spirit Wear, King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards proceeds, and Fun Run money are all deposited.
- **Minutes: Review of minutes from 9/13/17. [Voted among members and was approved: \(22:0\).](#)**
- **Grant requests:**
 - Jenn Bass - King Soopers gift cards to pay for undernourished students (\$500)- Kids who don't eat don't learn, so our goal is to feed those who don't have snacks, or lunch. Donations are accepted. We want food that would keep kids full. Yogurt, beef sticks, etc. We are going to collaborate with teachers rather than kids. [Voted among members and was approved: \(22:0\).](#)
 - Jess Axelrad- Supplies for art room (\$1,200)- did an inventory check, we need aprons, clay unit, and other items. They add up, and we would like to allow kids to have everything they need. This affects all the grades. [Voted among members and was approved: \(22:0\).](#)
 - Susan Ledbetter- Food scale to help diabetic students weigh their food and calculate carbohydrate intake to better manage insulin levels (\$50)- we have diabetics here at Meadowview, we want to encourage students to have independence to control their meals. They must know everything they eat 24/7 unless it is sugar free or water. We want to teach them basics, as their parents

about how to manage their diabetes. [Voted among members and was approved: \(22:0\).](#)

- **New Business:**
 - Fall Festival- (discussed earlier).
 - Launching new opportunities for fundraising-
 - **American Furniture Warehouse program**- our school name is already in the system. Purchase online, in store, or over phone and some of the money comes back to the school.
 - **Scrip cards**- purchase gift cards for a certain percentage back to the school. They are shipped to the school, or you can order an electronic version. Hoping to launch in Mid-November.
 - Offering additional **Spirit Wear** for fall/winter.
 - **Spirit Night** at Raising Caine's (discussed earlier).
 - **Spirit Night** at the Rink at the Rock date, we are aiming for January 12th.
- **Teacher Dismissal**
- **Committee Breakout & Discussion of immediate needs**
- **Monthly drawing for parking spot**- Carrie Iverson is the winner of this month's PTO spot.