

Meadow Drive PTA
November 13, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: All Committee Members and approximately 40+ attendees (see sign-in sheet),
Ms. Vattuone & Principal Ortiz

1. Call to order – (7:05pm) Welcome, reminder to grab an agenda, Sept meeting minutes, treasurers report, sign-in sheet & get a raffle tkt.

Pres. Alecia Pace greets attendees in cafeteria: Welcome, raffle for attending meetings, the \$100 gift card to Target will be at our last meeting is June 8th on district calendar, make note – it's also the Volunteer Appreciation night. General intro about role of PTA, our mission @ Meadow.... Please join, sign-up, volunteer (green binder – Jeanne Fischer). Everyone is welcome, all ideas are welcome meadowdrpta@gmail.com.

2. Membership: reached and surpassed our 320 goal... all \$ goes to funding our events, so thanks, and keep 'em coming! Thank you to Lauren DeMasters, also... a BIG thanks to Lauren and Rose Giantanis who did the Kindness board, and ROSE... who is the force behind our website, highlights all the things we are able to do thanks to the funding. Please say thanks when you see her.

3. President's Report:

Old Business:

- a. Book Fair big success with Jamie L & Anyes B. Scholastic \$ will be used to supply STEM toys, Ms. Belushi class Summer Reading winners
- b. Welcome Back Picnic a huge success, BBQ, games, Music... block party @ Hampton.
- c. Fall Photos went well, thank you Dawn
- d. Summer Reading Celebration – we were first in State, so we reviewed bag tags and Mrs. Ortiz will distribute to kids soon.
- e. Box Tops – Teresa Smallwood reports: Hi, no cutting, many changes...Digital now, need the APP, see email and some handouts about it. Old box tops still ok until 2020, but please send in by MARCH 1st. Keep your shopping receipts, scan them – so far we have \$484 from our school. If you have the APP, enter for the raffle basket.
Thanks
- f. #HatsNotHate – Ms. Vattuone & Ms. Wolf spoke about the kindness event and effort that was put into the amazing blue hats the kids received.
- g. Halloween event – great success, thanks to Nicole & Theresa. Thx to parent volunteers. Indoors with a DJ, pumpkins etc... Kids loved it. (Mrs. Ortiz)
- h. Memory book Cover Contest – Danielle Kuhn reports over 40 entries, 4x than last year, and 2 winner were chosen. Rhett Pace & Brianna ?. Winners chosen by Md. Altman and the Artwork will be posted in café on new BB board.
- i. Volunteers are needed (Melodie) – please sign up for future events, all volunteers must be members.

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New Business: (Alecia reads events, chairpersons stand and report from seat)

- Cultural Arts: Jean Fischer reports, Assembly goal is 1 per month. So far amazing assemblie have taken and are booked....Folk/Phy - Rose Dance Co, Back Track Vocal in Dec, STEAM museum, Megan’s Law, Cat in the Hat – Plaza Theater, Earth Day – Bash the Trash, Reptile Guy – Kiss the Bullfrog, Living Planets – Skys & Stars this year b/c students did “globe” theme last year. Please continue to contribute however you can, you, we provide our funding...
 - Miss Chocolate: \$\$\$ Nicole reports: Thanks for support, 40-50% of Miss Choc goes to PTA event like the ones mentioned, so there is still time, open until Tuesday, and 12/15 online
 - Family Movie Night: Sophia Palamino reports: Very Excited!!! Next Thurs will be the Frozen II premier in 2 private auditoriums at Bow Tie Cinema... Can use memberHub to buy tickets, \$15. Thanks so much...
- ***Alecia notes she worked her BUTT off for this, so big thanks to Sophia.
- New Bulletin Boards: one in Café – Alecia pointed out new board, and second outside, it’s red, and will contain updates and such. New placement for less fading and glare.
 - Reflections – Janna Carbone reports: Reflections contest was a big success this year with 27 entries, theme was A Look Within (gave quick explanation). Final call for entries as judging will take place in 2 weeks with local libraries, by 12/3. Finalist will advance to Nassau regional judging. Special Artist category is under represented, so please consider encouraging all students to participate. Finalist will be announced in the New year, and all entries will be displayed on the new BB board. Thanks for all the support from the teachers and families who participated. Celebration to follow in the spring...
 - PJ Drive, 12/2-12/6: Sarah Hume reports: R.McDonald House receives the PJ, see flyer. Please consider donating a pair of NEW PJs up to age 21. Thanks
 - Parents’ Night Out Regatta Fundraiser - Meeting 2/12: Those of you who are new, The Regatta is a “parents night out” / call a babysitter and an Uber... semi Wedding reception – a.k.a our biggest fundraiser night. We will meet and plan for the Regatta in April this year. You will receive a raffle ticket for those night as well. It is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year, the 12/4 planning meeting will be moved to 6:30pm (from 7pm) because of PTC conflict. Reminder will be sent.
 - Holiday Boutique: 12/10-12/12: Alison & Amy. Amy Levine reports: set up to buy gifts for family and friends. Items are \$2-\$8 dollars, classes will have a schedule and envelopes for budgeting. Parents can check off prices for each person, it really helps the volunteers help with shoppers.

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- Health & wellness Committee: Cindy Z (VP) is heading... Cindy Reports: New b/c of some concerns that arose. Will address safety with pick-up and drop—off, hand-washing & best practices during winter months, mindfulness. If interested, reach out via email. Thanks!
 - MemberHub: Melodie reports: More than membership, trained in its functionalities: Use Hubs for events, Share docs, do sign-in/ups, Very convenient, so if you're organizing an event reach out to Melodie and she can help you.
 - Reporting of Future PTA Meetings: 1/15, 3/16 @ 6:30, 5/4 @ 7pm - HS, 6/8 @ 6:30pm – Volunteers Dinner to follow @ 7pm. Location TBD, Please note that 5/4 is the Budget Approval meeting!
4. Principal's Report: Mrs. Ortiz reports a BIG thanks, amazed by the PTAs support. Thanks for hats, ribbons, assemblies, secret readers, beautiful mural. Pinnies are fantastic, assemblies are fabulous – partnership b/w parents, fun, and curriculum! Toy collection for Wintrop hospital on until 12/9, please donate if you can. Thanks for all who helped donate time & money to JDRF. Focus this year – civil participation comes in the form of Kindness, being kind through the community... Giving spreads the kindness, so consider our Givig Tree, grab a mittens and supply to Mineola families in need, and we also have \$1 per class donation that goes towards a Turkey. Big apology to babysitting services, due to change in HS policy, permission slips are needed for volunteers and legalities are involved that she [I] am not comfortable signing; therefore sitting service can only be provided at BIG events. REVIEW for M.E. Practices: Safety drills, 3 main drills: 1. Fire, 2. LockOUT LockDOWN (She reviewed process in detail). The police were present during the last Lockdown drill and were very pleased with the response. Students have been amazing and act accordingly. Police spoke with them before and after. If you have questions or concerns, please call. New space... slowly opening, still some punch items and a bit messy but you will have a tour of our new STEM lab, Music room and Art studio. Additionally have a faculty space, a wheelchair accessible lift and an extra classroom (as pointed to from cafeteria.) Thank you!
5. Teacher Rep Report: Miss Vattuone, no updates or concerns. Just a BIG Thank you... LOVE the support, love the assemblies and trips to support learning, Safety is great with Pinnies (held one up), Halloween a big hit, looking forward to future assemblies.
6. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sara reports: Hi, Some events... a thank you was prepared for the custodians who maintained and prepared our school through the construction. Notes from Ms. Uryerick & Pre-K. Don't forget about twitter and FB. Thanks

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7. Treasurer's Report – Amy Levine reports on October balance (see attached) and notes we are “on track” for our 2020 budget. As read some line items, an error was noted by Dawn, Amy Polmer, and Amy Levine explained about a typo to the State Dues vs. Insurance for the PTA. **A revised report will be submitted for balancing.**
8. Recording Secretary's Report – Janna Carbone reports: Thank you to those who email me updates for the meeting, much appreciated. You received a copy of last meeting's minutes (Sept. 2019), we need to vote on them... so if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. NO issues... Passed. September meeting minutes approved. Thank you.
9. SEPTA Report – Christine reports on various activities hosted by SEPTA, ALL are welcome: look for flyers for Family Paint night, Holiday event on Sat, 12/7 11-1pm @ Jackson...Santa will be there. Also support SEPTA with a Shutterfly/tinyprints purchase, a donation is made....there is a link on the flyers that went home. Any questions, let us know. Thanks.
10. District Council Delegates: Sophia P, and Caroline Sarosy, 5 units. Mention of Dad's Club: they support events, fix things in community, sport5ing events etc... Already the name, can't change it. Construction: Jackson Ave & Hampton update and what's next. Please attend board meetings, or do the LIVE stream – important info. SEPTA will have Gingerbread university w/ Hampton on 11/26.
11. Nominating Committee : Alecia explain and gives details about the Nominating committee, their role, 5 members, 1 year, 2 year term limit. We elect people to oversee the 2020 PTA Election and Voting Process. Will need a chairperson to organize and assemble, help elect. In February there will be a Call to Run. Email to begin the process. We need 5 people and an alternate, any people to volunteers... Amy Polmer, Danielle Kuhn, Jan Corbo, Sophia Palamino, Kathleen Gentile and alternate is Jamie Loehner. Voted in by: 1st Nomination by Janna Carbone, Second Karen Rubino.
12. Closing Remarks/Meeting Adjourned (8:08pm)

Notes:

Mrs. Ortiz led tour of the new spaces within Meadow Drive

Math curriculum presentation by Gary Desire on Math Expressions