

Meadow Drive PTA
September 10, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: All Committee Members and approximately 90+ attendees (see sign-in sheet), Ms. Wolf, Dr. Moriarty, Principal Ortiz

Call to order – (7:05pm) Welcome (you should have received an agenda/report/sign-in sheet/raffle tkt)

Pres. Alecia Pace greets attendees in cafeteria: Welcome, receive a raffle ticket for attending meetings – last meeting is June 8th (not on district calendar, make note), right before 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...ie. The Chalkwalk was started last year, suggested by a new parent, so if you have ideas, email us. meadowdrpta@gmail.com. Families love the new Hospitality table! Thank you to Chairperson Jamie Loehner who organized. Thank You!

1. Principal's Message – Greeting from Dr. Moriarty. Visit from Mrs. Ortiz, Principal Ortiz will be back in action, Monday 9/16. Maternity leave over. Gave some background info about herself; husband, 2 boys – her 4 yrs. son is her PD (LOL); Thanks for our patience during construction. New space for Art & STEAM is almost complete. Mentions following Back to School night schedule (QR code) and Book Fair. Thanks to all.
2. Teacher's Rep Message – Ms. Wolf, greetings, teaching 34 years now, reading specialist; BIG thanks to PTA for the faculty breakfast and chalkwalk, etc..
3. President's Report :
 - a. Old Business
 - Scholastic Summer Reading: Andrea Reynolds reports: HUGE success this year because we combined our school (Meadow, Hampton & Jackson) and together completed 816,267 minutes putting us #1 in NY State, which should put us in their World record books. For us... 9/23 Assembly to celebrate all participants: 113 students will receive medals for 650+ hours read, ½ the school participated, and weekly winner will be announced for the Tweeting.
 - School Supplies: Alecia reports: on behalf of Kathleen Gentile, also our Class Parent chairperson whom you've heard from, she'll be here in a bit...School Supplies a success, raised \$335 for Meadow, and fed 133 families.
 - Welcome Back Breakfast, Chalk Walk, Signs – Cindy Zameryka reports: Big thanks to all who helped us set up breakfast for the staff and those who came out to participate in the chalk walk.
 - Class Parent Lottery & Meeting - Alecia reports: Kathleen Gentile is chairperson - meeting @ 6:45pm

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- b. New Business (Alecia reads events, chairpersons stand and report from seat)
- Field Trip Pinnies – Alecia, explains idea for trips, kids wear pinnies, holds up example/picture, Bright Orange, they say “Meadow Drive Has Arrived”; Thank you to Chris Bennett, a parent, for the design.
 - Book Fair – Jamie Loehner reports: Hi, Book fair, all this week in the Gym, PK so excited when they saw the books set up, what a great experience for them and all. The book fair is a big success \$, and this year, with everyone’s help, we, myself and Anyes Batista, would like to make sure every child receives a book! Don’t forget to check out e-Wallet and FB and twitter. Thx
 - Welcome Back Picnic & Spirit Wear – Alecia – come join us for the Meadow Welcome Back Picnic at...Hampton (due to construction etc...). Rundown of the expected activities. Volunteers needed in all ways. Shopping, dropping stuff off... Come, have a good time, from 1-3pm. We will also be selling spirit wear... Points to new T-Shirt, in youth size small only (gives rationale for “growing into it”) plus a few adult sizes.
 - Homecoming – Jessica Penoro reports, parade before football game, Fun, easy event to help with, decorate float & make posters @ the HS @ 9:30am. All are welcome, stroller and karts alike, wear sneakers, wear some school /Mineola colors. Start at Andrews Rd. and goes to Hampton Field for the football game. Hope to see you there. Thank you.
 - Box Tops – Teresa Smallwood reports: Hi, intro, new to box tops, and many changes...Digital now, need the app, see email and some handouts about it. Old box tops still ok until 2020. Keep your shopping receipts, scan them. Online shoppers have options too. Thanks
 - Venezia’s Fall Festival – Alecia Reports: On behalf of Katherine Bennett, can’t be here b/c is Mineola Girls’ Varsity Soccer Coach, the Fall Festival at Venezia Center on Jericho TrnPk will have arts & crafts activities etc... lots of fun, from 10-2pm. All welcome
 - Halloween – Hi from Nicole Barthelemy & Teresa Smallwood: Halloween @ school, during school hours, with DJ, activities and costumes. See papers about costumes and Volunteering... please sign-up at least 2 days before, and be sure to bring ID when you come. All PTA members as well, it’s for everyone’s safety.
 - Reflections – Janna Carbone reports: Hi, intro, Reflections contest was a big success last year with 26 entries, theme was Heroes Around Us, This year’s theme is “Look Within.” It is an Arts Contest sponsored by the National PTA, look for more info to be sent home in the next few weeks about the contest, how to enter and even though we like to go paperless, your permission will be

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needed on writing. We will need some volunteers for judging, it's one event, easy, so let us know... green binder.

Alecia mentions prior year revived teacher involvement due to resources, so this year we will continue to include the teachers in the contest, and provide some info & resources for them.

- Regatta Planning Meetings 12/4 and 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 which is April 4th this year. You will receive a raffle ticket for attending those meetings as well.
- Family Cinema Night - Sofia is working on a Movie Theater night, reserved just for Meadow... any local theater connections??? Please let us know.
- PTA Table (snifty grams, membership forms) – Please visit the PTA table on the way out...you can sign up to be a member, family membership great too because then they can come help at events.

c. Future PTA Meetings: 11/13, 1/15, 3/16, 5/4, 6/8

4. Vice-President's Report: Melodie Kraljev reports: Hi, intro. I'll be working along side of many of you to be sure events come together and run smoothly, so right now we are trying improve the communication from one year to another by creating procedures. Procedures, a document, for each event will outline it so it can run smoothly, and ensure a smooth hand off next year. Some examples of procedures that have already been written are here (front table) for you to look over. Thanks
5. Treasurer's Report – Amy Levine reports: Hi, so this is our proposed budget (holds up the document, attendees have copies to review). "how to read" YTD, Last year vs. this year. Explain that money brought in, is not income. ie Scholastic book fair, may say \$3,000, but we still need to pay Scholastic. Mentions addition of approximately 75 kids with pre-K, Proposed budget from '19-20, \$7,600. We will need to approve it shortly, so please review and let us know if you have questions. Thanks
6. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sara reports: Hi, I will be reading, noting the correspondence that we receive, thank yous and such, and you will receive emails from me (memberhub) with various info. Don't forget about twitter and FB. Thanks
7. SEPTA Report – Seeking liaison : Alecia reports: Due to the fact that there are no self-contained classes at Meadow (all were moved to Hampton) – our SEPTA rep is now at Hampton PTA. Therefore, we are seeking a rep that has a stake in SpEd. or would like to be the liaison for info. Thanks.
8. Board of Education Report – not in attendance
9. Membership Report – Lauren DeMasters reports: great/strong membership numbers. The more who join, the more resources we have. Visit memberhub etc...

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Alecia adds: Also, please note, All volunteers must be PTA members (ie. My mom is in town, so I signed her up today... now she can help us out)

10. Recording Secretary's Report – Janna Carbone reports: Hi, I'm Janna Carbone. I will be recording the minutes for our PTA meetings and reporting them to you. So far we have a lot of fast talkers, so I'm doing my best to keep up. Each meeting, we will need to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, so the next time we meet, in November, we can approve these minutes. Also, if you have concerns, or need record of what took place, please let us know. Thank you.

11. Treasurer Reconciliation and Budget Approval – Alecia announces that we need to vote on the budget... Do we have a motion to approve: Karen Rubio, and second Amy Polmer, Vote is "ayes" have it. 2019-2020 Budget approved.

Alecia adds: We, the PTA, propose a \$250 contingency fund to cushion for spending in between PTA meetings if something unexpected arises. We need to vote... motion to approve, Donna Patron, second Kelly Gragowski. The "ayes" have it. Contingency budget approved.

12. Closing Remarks/Meeting Adjourned (6:45pm)

Upcoming Events

Homecoming 9/21 – Participate in the parade and ride our float!

Fall Photo Day 9/24,25 – Send your child dressed his/her best.

Dual Language Potluck Dinner 9/25 at 5pm – Bring a dish to share.

Summer Reading Celebration w/ the Wizards assembly 9/23 in school

Halloween Party 10/31 – Send costumes in with child. (no masks/makeup/weapons)