

Meadow Drive PTA MINUTES

Special Budget Meeting - May 21, 2020, 7pm

Link to virtual Meeting: [Virtual Meadow PTA Special Budget mtg. May '20.mp4](#)

1. **Call to order:** *Secretary requested permission to record, and notified attendees that the meeting is being recorded.

7:07pm, President Alecia Pace welcomes us to a special meeting; explained the general purpose of this meeting is only to hear about the upcoming budget and hear about whether or not we will support this budget. We will not be conducting old or new business.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Establish quorum - established [ATTENDANCE Virtual PTA Special mtg. 5/21/2020](#)

General 2020-2021 Budget questions:

Amy Levine's - Does taking the bus loop out help? If we are concerned about the neighbors and funds, does that help? Don't get me wrong, the loop is needed for sure!

Points about voting:

Katherine Bennett : The ballot box to drop off will only be available **ON June 9th only at Willis**

Andrea Reynolds : To confirm, there is no in-person voting. Only absentee

Meadow Drive PTA : Yes, **ONLY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

2. Budget Proposal: Dr. Nagler

Key Points:

- Capital Improvements
- Bus Lane - Meadow Drive
- Questions & Concerns

Questions:

If the budget fails, are we going to revote or would it cost too much for a revote?

No re-vote. Too costly

Do the absentee ballots come automatically or do we need to initiate something?

Automatic as long as your child is enrolled in Mineola UFSD.

What are the points that we can stress with our community members who do not "care" about the school upgrades, teachers salary, etc? Would it be the lower than 2.5% increase?

Will create a video to stress talking point

How can we supplement funding if the budget fails so we can still get what we need for the school?

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3 big items, insurance, benefits & salaries. Personnel are the last thing we want to lose
Is Pre-k at Meadow Drive in danger this fall?

Possibility, but last resort!

Is there a minimum number of people needed to vote to approve or reject the budget?

51% of the Vote

What is the count that makes 51%? - **51% of the vote, whether it's 10, or 1,000.**

Has a decision been made about the last day of virtual learning? **TBD**

3. Vote

Meadow Drive PTA: Motion to approve Meadow Drive PTA's support of the proposed 2020-2021 Mineola School budget?

David Floccari : Motion (first)

Amy Polmar : I second the vote

Meadow Drive PTA: Ayes have it - Meadow Drive PTA supports the 2020-2021 School Budget

"The Meadow Drive PTA collectively supports the school budget."

Thank you:

Gail Santucci : Thank you Dr. Nagler for summarizing the topic points on the budget so well!

Donna Patron : Thank you to all the Meadow Drive teachers, Mrs. Ortiz and the entire Mineola staff for having a seamless transition to distance learning!! We are light years ahead of other districts.

Spreading the word

Lawn Signs

Make our Own, hashtags, #checkyes, #kidsfuture, #mineolaproud

Posting on Social & Community Groups

Budget Video - see below

4. Other Business Concerning Budget Proposal if approved by unit:

- Class parents - phone tree
- Willow Place call on Thursday 5/28 at 7pm - Volunteers for the call please sign chat box or email meadowdrpta@gmail.com
Our support is needed, please make the call if you can.

You'd Garcia : Regarding the meeting with homeowners from Willow Place, I live in Willow Place, and I am in favor of the budget. anything I can help with, please don't

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hesitate to reach out. When reaching out to neighbors regarding the support to budget, what is appropriate to say and not to say, any guidance on that?

Meadow Drive PTA : You can always say, "The Meadow Drive PTA collectively supports the school budget."

- Video for budget - please enter in chat box if you would like your child to participate (list of volunteers: [#Mailed it / Voting Video](#))

Announcements:

- End-of-year gifts, class parent gifts, PARP, and Square 1 Art can all go home with students at pick up June 3 & 4
 - We need volunteers to fill gift bags and deliver to classrooms/lobby (list of volunteers: [Gift Distribution - Volunteers](#))
 - Include flyer to support budget in end-of-year gift bags
 - Summer Reading log included in gift bags
- A committee of five people will meet to give recommendations on the bylaws which expire Oct. 1, 2020 and will present their suggestions for amendments or not at the next regularly scheduled mtg. on June 8.

Closing.

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