

The Parent Teacher Association’s mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Help us make our community better!

Meeting Agenda ~ November 15, 2022 @ 7:00PM (Zoom)

1. **Call to Order 7:00 PM**
   1. Pledge of Allegiance
   2. Sign-in using the Chat
2. **Treasurer’s Report - Ryan McHale** *(*[*MeadowDrTreasurer@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrTreasurer@gmail.com)*)*
   1. **2 adjustments to budget** 
      1. License for quickbooks
      2. Game show budget updated to reflect that this will now be an in person event
      3. Ryan motions for approval, Sofia seconds, Budget passes
      4. PNO was a financial success-Net profit of over 13,000, made 750 more than last year, 2600 more than what we budgeted for.
3. **President’s Report - Sofia Palominos** *(*[*MeadowDrPTA@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrPTA@gmail.com)*)*
   1. **Caitlin Moronta and Alecia received awards**
   2. **Summary of PTA Convention**
      1. Guest speaker on “Hang up and Drive”
      2. Discussed reducing bias in addressing guardians
      3. Discussed etiquette at District Board Meetings
      4. Discussed “Bring your device night” and try to learn about device
      5. School Voting-discussed incorporating student votes
      6. California state law that school cannot start before 8:30AM and Middle School not before 8:00AM
   3. Nominated 3 members to be part of the Nominating Committee and we are in need of 2 more, Nominated members from Executive Board: Deanna Schuler, Evelyn Matranga, and Jill Pigott, and Katie Thelian as the alternate. Opakar Singh and Amanda Kiraly agreed to be on nominating committee.
4. **Vice Presidents’ Report - Katie Thelian and Katherine Bennett** *(*[*MeadowDrPTAVP@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrPTAVP@gmail.com)*)*
   1. Thank you to all that agreed to chair and volunteer at events
   2. Still need chairs for 3 events: PARP, Family Reading Night, Advocacy Committee
5. **Recording Secretary’s Report - Christina Finn** *(*[*MeadowDrPTARecSec@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrPTARecSec@gmail.com)*)*
   1. No objections to September Minutes
6. **Corresponding Secretary’s Report - Kristina Pisciotta** *(*[*MeadowDrPTACorSec@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrPTACorSec@gmail.com)*)*
   1. Received letter from Faith Mission thankful for hamburger donations
   2. Letter from Alecia Pace
   3. Review of methods of communication
      1. Google Calendar: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=meadowdrptacorsec%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York>
      2. Social Media Platform Used as a review, but source of communication is email, open to any feedback on methods of communication
7. **Committee Reports:**
   1. Cultural Arts Assemblies - Anyis Batista *(*[*MeadowDrAssemblies@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrMembers@gmail.com)) We are going to host first assembly Journeys with Sound, native sounds related to Thanksgiving. There will be 2 shows. (Pre-K and K, 1st and 2nd) Second Assembly is going to be in December, author “What if you had an animal tongue” This will be virtual.
   2. Membership - Megan Romito and Susan Walsh *(*[*MeadowDrMembers@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrMembers@gmail.com)*)*

We currently have 302 members, and are short our state goal of 363 by 61 members.  The Black Friday giveaway is ongoing, and ends on 11/22.  Gift card will be emailed on 11/23 (before Thanksgiving).  Please ask members to add additional members for $5.  Anyone can by a member

* 1. Memory Book - Christina Mouroulis *(*[*MeadowDrMemories@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrMemories@gmail.com)*)*

Memory Contest for cover received 31 entries. Winner is Cloie from Ms. Tumans class. Cost is 15 dollars. Free for 2nd graders.

* 1. Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) - Erin Gonzalez *(*[*MeadowDrPTADEI@gmail.com*](mailto:meadowdrptadei@gmail.com)*)*

Met 11-1. 2 agenda items: 1-School Calendar of Events, Human Rights Day, 2-Continue to discuss methods to engage all families especially those who do not speak English as primary language. Open for volunteers and next meeting will be in January.

* 1. Grants - Jill Pigott, Caitlin Moronta and Christina Finn *(*[*MeadowDriveGrants@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDriveGrants@gmail.com)*)*

We did apply for Family Reading Grant and we have successfully been awarded 1000 for books

* 1. National PTA School of Excellence (SOE) - Jill Pigott, Caitlin Moronta and Christina Finn *(*[*MeadowDrExcellence@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrExcellence@gmail.com)*)*

Application has been submitted for SOE. Thank you for survey submission. Going to continue to work on programming on social emotional wellness.

* 1. National PTA Reflections -Eileen Blanco *(*[*MeadowDrReflections@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrReflections@gmail.com)*)* Not present

1. **Past Events**
   1. Book Fair (Anyis Batista and Evelyn Matranga)Sold 1260 items, made $8257.46. Thanks to all the volunteers.
   2. Welcome Back BBQ (Katherine Bennett) , was well attended and open to any suggestions for improvements in future years
   3. Homecoming Parade (Susan Walsh)
      1. Float not Meadow property and will not be used for Homecoming purposes
      2. Decorated strollers, some concerns about traffic not having Jericho TPKE, met at Wilson Park, also meet up at Jericho and Roslyn Road
      3. Learned a lot and will be improved for next year
   4. Playground Playdate (Lisa Pullows)
      1. First Playground Playdate, huge turnout, set up a coloring stand and made cards for Veterans which was brought to American Legion
   5. Photo Day (Allison Dinkelacker)
      1. Island Photography was company this year, good customer service
      2. Any concerns reach out to Allison Dinkelacker
      3. Ms. Andruzzi’s class was unable to do re-takes
   6. Walk & Roll (Erin Gonzalez)
      1. Added volunteers to wait for kids on Dorset
      2. Will have it again in Spring
      3. In need of new chair for this event for next year
   7. Parents’ Night Out (Melodie Kraljev)
      1. Thank you to all volunteers
      2. Raised more than 1000 in auctions
      3. 12 sponsors who purchased banner adds, please try to patronize business
   8. Halloween Party (Teresa Smallwood and Nicole Barthelemy)
      1. Had DJ in gym, classes rotated through, and kids got to pick pumpkins, went smoothly
2. **Current and Upcoming Events** 
   1. Keepsake Art – Alecia Pace-Found a new company, “Kids Creations”, may save on Class Parent Budgets, Also still comes with free stickers
   2. Pajama Drive (Monday, Nov. 28 - Friday, Dec. 2) – Cascille Hampton and Teresa Smallwood
      1. PJS donated to Ronald McDonald House
      2. PJ day on December 2nd
   3. Holiday Boutique (Tuesday, Dec. 6 - Wednesday, Dec. 7) - Allison Dinkelacker
      1. Will need volunteers, schedule will come out
   4. S.T.E.A.M. Museum (Tuesday, Jan. 10) - Erin Gonzalez
      1. Kids only during school assembly, planetarium theme
   5. PARP-Reading Teachers-Mrs. Wolf and reading teachers will be involved
3. **District Council Delegate Report - Sandra Di Re and Janna Carbone** 
   1. Family Engagement Committee, Reflections Committee, Health and Wellness Committee, Completed district wide Goose Chase
4. **SEPTA Liaison - Katy Gilroy** *(*[*MeadowDrSEPTA@gmail.com*](mailto:MeadowDrSEPTA@gmail.com)*)*
5. **Principal’s Report - Mrs. Fahey**
   1. Huge thank you to all volunteers and recognition for awardees
   2. Toy Drive is up and running
   3. Celebrations of Cultures, 61 responses
   4. Nassau County has free assemblies
6. **Board of Education Report**
7. **Teachers’ Rep Report**
   1. Reminder to label everything
   2. Children enjoying all the events
8. Concerns about bags for events
   1. Bags for Halloween, Bags for Book Fair and Boutique
   2. Maybe suggest bringing re-usable bags or purchasing re-usable bags
9. Dual Language Parent University-November 21st
10. **Closing Remarks/Meeting adjourned** 8:28PM

**We are in need of volunteers to Chair/Co-Chair the following Committees and Events:**

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| **Advocacy**  (Can be done from home.) | Advocate for the children in our school community and keep track of initiatives at the state and national levels. |
| **PARP**  (Can be done from home.) | Work with the administration and the District PTAs to coordinate events, oversee the creation of the PARP packet, and work with the Family Reading Night Chairperson to coordinate a common theme. |
| **Family Reading Night**  (Can be done from home.) | Coordinate with the administration, the PARP Chairperson and possibly a vendor to create a fun family event that celebrates reading together. This event will be virtual in March during PARP. |

Please contact [MeadowDrPTAVP@gmail.com](mailto:MeadowDrVP@gmail.com) with any questions or for more information.

***Would you like to volunteer for an upcoming event?*** Check out our catalog of events: <https://forms.gle/VzjySxpHSFaxFX2d9>