PTO Meeting 02/27/20

Welcome: Jen & Nicole
Melanie Herrington: Meadowbrook Mingle update
03/13/20
110 bidding items & 15 great gatherings
Online bidding
Purchase tickets now
https://cbo.io/tickets/Meadowbrook/tix
Goal: $15000
Update ticket purchasers

Corona virus - what is Meadowbrook’s plan. Dr E-B states that Nurse Jana was going over the district recommendations with that today. Feel free to call Nurse Jana with questions. Wash hands, covering cough, stay home if sick. The district is working with the MN Dept of Health who are in turn working with the CDC. Still zero MN cases. Generally, children are not affected.

Principal Update: Dr EB is retiring. Principal job will be posted. Teachers, administrators, and parents will be part of the committee. It is a rigorous process. They should have a principal decided upon prior to the end of the school year.

District wide Budget cuts being discussed at the School Board Meeting tonight. Roughly 2.5 million to be cut and they will have to make cuts next year. Trying to keep as much away from the classroom as possible. There will still be 4 sections in 5th grade. All other sections will hopefully stay at 5 sections. The elementary schools will be affected less than the 7th-12th grades. One possible outcome would be Spanish twice weekly, instead of the current three times weekly.

Primary Election Day: Small gym by preschool will hold the election voters. Extra staff on hand.

PTO Grant Vote: Nicole
8 potential grants
STEM focused, problem solving, public policy for 5th grade.
Spanish teachers: Puppet show and Flamenco dancer
Media Specialist: Author/Illustrator visit for Stepping Stones- 6th grade
Zak Clark: emotional support/motor group
Total: around $5000
Motion passed

Art Adventure: Natalie Lu & Pam Armour
Served 25 classrooms last Fall, all 34 were invited and 9 teachers opted out
Many classes got to go to MIA
This program studies, art, culture, critical thinking, increased civic engagement, greater
global understanding...
Parent volunteers are taught to teach 3 instillations in the classroom
It is a teacher preference driven
Teachers will make the decision to participate in the fall
Meadowbrookartadventure@gmail.com
Ms Mach made a video to showcase how the 4th graders at Meadowbrook REALLY
enjoyed their Art Adventure Curriculum this year
https://youtu.be/mQNlWfpx8Hg

Carnival: Jenny Dennis & Lindsay Gerten
Parents may not realize how much the Carnival raises a lot of money to help support
our community and students.
Keep in mind the importance of our PTO fundraisers … check out this infographic:
What’s new: Treat Street is now Eat Street, Hair Flair, Drink Street, Teacher/staff
adventures
Digital ticket purchase options
New games
A lot of popular games will be returning
Early bird ticket purchasing options are being explored
Community Partners:
Three River Parks District
Snapology
TC Taekwondo
Science Museum
Park Valley Soccer
GVGS
Hopkins Hockey
School Apparel for Sale night of Carnival
Volunteers will be recognized with a sticker to wear
Total revenue goal: $15,250
Attendees:
Nicole Macalena
Dave Dutcher
Lindsay Gerten
Jenny Dennis
Natalie Lu
Melanie Herrington
Jen Gale
Colleen Michals
Trisha Larson
Anne Guiral
Emilie Moravec
Miki Miwa-Johnson
Heidi Thompson
Andrea Auchter
Greta Evans-Becker
Angela Johnson
Yung Lu