

12/6/2021

Meadowdale PRG/Sports Booster December monthly meeting

Started at 6:30 p.m.

Angie McGuire levy update. Asking for support to get the message out for people to vote. Will allow them to continue to run the program and not make any cuts in athletics. If this levy does not pass we will lose existing sports programs. Allows for non-cut sports options and options for kids. Really important to get all parents to vote. This is too important to not have a voice and be out in the communities and encouraging people to vote. Angie will follow up with links and a short video that talks about the replacement levy and where the funds will go. Samantha offered to post on Facebook PRG. Angie is looking for volunteers willing to do phone banking. Angie will send more information and information can be found at flyers at the games.

Tina Castillo introduced Lucy Bessler. Lucy is the student assistant professional with a primary focus on substance use prevention. She does 1:1 counseling around AOD (alcohol and other drugs), can meet with students through self-referrals, parent referrals and care team referrals. She also does prevention education series in Life Science classes focusing on substance use and how it effects the brain. In addition, works on how to cope with life and hosts events through the prevention club which will hopefully start next semester. The position is new to the school so there is a lot of experimenting on what works and doesn't work. Reached out to PRG and booster to partner on red ribbon week which has been postponed. The red ribbon week will focus on awareness on social norms. Will have a scavenger hunt around school. Wanted to give gift cards but ran into issues as can only get gift cards if they benefit all students if they are acquired through the school, the PRG can donate gift cards that can be given to individuals. Opened it up to questions. Question came up regarding gift card request, Lucy responded that \$10-\$15 gift cards would be wonderful, would love to have 5 to 10 gift cards. If participation is lacking and it didn't seem necessary to use all gift cards they can be used for alternative events in the future. Lucy will fill out the financial request form to PRG to get support on gift card purchases.

Tina Castillo gave the PRG update including a treasurer update. A small deposit came in from Kroger (less than \$100). \$100 went to Maria's event, leaving \$3,685 in the PRG account, \$426 belongs to the class of '22. \$500 check to PRG came in from a parents' business to match donations and will show in next months statement. Announced new resource advocate Melanie Tablit (not present).

Rachel Broderhausen gave sports booster update. ~\$30k in the account right now. Have made around a thousand dollars in spirit wear. Last bit of inventory has been counted and will send up an online sale after the winter break.

Banking update, Rachel Broderhausen and Tina Castillo have an appointment with Bank of America to switch accounts. This will allow for online giving options like Zelle. Two new accounts would be opened at Bank of America and will update signers. New signers will be Dena Constantine and Tina Castillo for PRG and Jenny Armstrong and Rachel Broderhausen for Booster. Question was asked about option for Venmo, Rachel B responded that they will need to investigate it more as Venmo is usually tied to a personal account.

Grad night mentioned, 2022 group is working with class advisors to discuss fundraising. Money would be held in the banking account.

Sports booster related, all teams have boards in the gym that look sparse. Rachel B asked if they could be updated if sports teams were notified about them. Beth Marriott said yes, this is possible. The displays are outdated and ready for updates. Beth said can use help from team reps and captains. Dance team just updated board. Half days are great opportunities to make it happen. Photographer Scott will provide pictures to go up in the gym to update pictures.

Updates from Beth Mariott, the swim team has an event this week against Mariner. Off to a great start with Winter sports. Coaches and athletes are back participating and having fun. Friday night home game against Jackson went really well. Still having some behaviors on campus that are difficult to manage. Group of young men in restrooms making a mess. Basketball has been doing really well. Wrestling tournament went smoothly. Everything was cleaned up and put away and a good weekend. Question was asked about livestreaming events. Beth said we are not as we have not signed up for the installation to get the cameras. Lacking the infrastructure to make it happen but hoping the district will step in to improve it for the future. Question asked if there was a way to deter vandalism in the bathrooms. Beth responded that right now the most important thing is to take it seriously and make it known when something is occurring. Using cameras to monitor.

Drama department is hosting Neverland, opening night on Thursday. Can only purchase tickets online. The kids have worked really hard to put this production together. Tickets are going fast.

Choir concert was hosted last week in the gym. Concerts are coming up for Orchestra and Band. Couldn't do Empty Bowls this year in the way it had been done in the past. Beth was hoping to do something not virtual but that will not be an option, still determining what will happen. Activities that are not requirements are being asked to put on hold this year (movie nights, empty bowl as examples).

Rachel B announced no January meeting but there will be updates for both PRG and Boosters. Spring sports will be coming quickly after winter break. Jenny shared that she is available to help with any sports boards if they need help.

Beth shared that some updates will happen in the future around COVID testing when the rapid tests run out and a new test will be used. Possibly a 7-day quarantine as well, will be announced when finalized. Beth wished everyone a good holiday.

Meeting ended at 7:50 pm