Goals 2018

Ensure our PTSA programs and events are sustainable by encouraging co-leads in every role, always engaging new volunteers, and having succession plans in place for when volunteers age out of elementary school. Create documentation/handbook materials for all activities, chair, or lead in order to create consistent expectations for volunteers.

Increase effective and meaningful support of Meridian Park Elementary students through school grants for added academic enrichment, equitable support programs, and health and wellness.

Increase Mariner and Storm family night ticket sales and create scholarships for tickets for families who would otherwise not have the opportunity.

Increase number of people who volunteer to help put together yearbook. Have volunteers who accurately reflect the richness in diversity of Meridian Park Elementary.

Recruit and support an energized Art Docent team of volunteers who will be more invested in and take ownership over their role to bring in more process driven and creative art experiences to the student body. The art docent program will be more visible and contribute to a larger dialogue about arts education in schools.

Increase Cheetah Chatter readership while maintaining great quality of content. Include content from students, teachers, and all members in our school community. Work with school principal, school secretary, other PTSA board members, and the webmaster to make Cheetah Chatter accessible in a variety of settings to appeal to the audience of our readership.

Increase participation of parents in Drama Club and build a sustainable program. Ensure robust enrollment of students in Drama Club and have all sold out performances.

Increase Read-A-Thon participation to at least 200 students, approximately 25% of student population.

Create and implement a sustainable before and after school enrichment program. Increase communication about enrichment programs in relation to vendors, students, parents, and school staff.

Creating inviting and fun school wide events for all students by always incorporating a quiet or reset room. Always looking for opportunities to make events better and more equitable for special needs students.

Create more interest from the school community and participation of diverse families in PTSA meetings. Create a Spotlight about meetings which include through interactive notes and updates to communicate upcoming events, policy decisions, and the PTSA matters.

Increase interest, engagement, and participation of families in matters related to Meridian Park Elementary by increasing our PTSA membership by 20%, or approximately 40 families. Build a sense of school community and belonging at Meridian Park Elementary of all our families regardless of their home school or status as an overflow kindergartener.

Reach out to families of diverse backgrounds by always having a member of the PTSA board at ELL family nights and continue to recruit for more ELL involvement and for the ELL board position until filled.

Create a community which is inviting and encourages involvement as a volunteer and a financial donor in order to meet and exceed our fundraising goals for the fall and spring fundraisers so we can meet our budgetary obligations and create new opportunities for students through grants, enrichment activities, and events.

Develop and implement an efficient and effective process for hosting the spring auction at Meridian Park Elementary in conjunction with our Spring Family Fun Night. Obtain auction items that are experiential and provide opportunities for families to try new things.

Investigate cost and feasibility of installing a permanent shade structure or cover on the west playground, which currently has nothing. Raise money outside of budget obligations to install a permanent shade structure or cover on the west playground for students to use for years to come.

Create a volunteer program that respects and honors the commitment of every volunteer by quickly following up with people to get them connected, helping ensure they are always thanked and to seek their feedback.

Strengthen our commitment to ecologically sound practices such as using only compostable or recyclable materials at our events while following "Green Team" procedures. Creating opportunities for our school community to participate in recycling events such as marker recycling. Using the voice of our membership to advocate for ecologically sound practices within our school community and beyond.