

## MINUTES of PTA/PAC

Meeting Date: March 27, 2017

**Call to order:** A monthly membership meeting of the Madison PTA/PAC was held at Madison Elementary School on Monday, February 27, 2017 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The meeting convened at 6:03 pm. Julie Carpenter, PAC Chairperson presiding, and Marcus Paden, Secretary

### Members in attendance

Miranda G, Rhiannon K, Billi R, Marcus P, Amanda J, Julie C, Matt C, Alicia C, Sara L, Beverly U, Dawn M, Jean C, Sam C, Karen K, Helen S, Dan S, Darryl B.

### Welcome/Introductions

### Open floor discussion/Questions for Principal Clark

- **Preschool information** There will be two sections of preschool, 20 students each, and both are full. There is a waiting list available if other students need to register. The principal is looking for an additional classroom if needed for another section of preschool. The classes will have a general education teacher, special education teacher, and paraprofessional. The preschool class will be the first room after the main office.
- **Larger class sizes for next year?** Since we don't know our enrollment, staffing will be conservative until we get firm answers. Staffing will not be fully known until the end of April. It is possible a student could start with one teacher and if enrollment was higher, students could be moved to another classroom.

The district has a student mobility rate of 24%, meaning those students start at one school and end at another school. Also, student enrollment was down for this school year because of a new charter school opening. This all makes planning for staffing and class sizes difficult.

- **Will there be open enrollment next year?** No. Only students who live in the school area, move into the school area, or are in the Chinese immersion program can attend.
- **What's happening with the art project?** The artist will work with 5<sup>th</sup> graders starting this year and subsequent years. Each student will design a tile and it will be displayed in the hallway.
- **Parents are concerned about behavior at school, specifically a weapon incident in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. What is being done?** Protocols were followed, an investigation was completed, and the student was dealt with. The district made the decision to only alert parents with students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The district will be notified that these incidents should be shared with every grade level to ensure parents are informed and the correct information is given. The theme for this month is self-control and students are learning about how to use self-control. Behavior this year is improved over last year.

Various professional development training is provided to help teachers deal with behavioral issues. Teachers are also asked what kind of support they need.

## **Teachers/Staff**

**What is the library schedule for the rest of the year?** The library will be open for half a day on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, with full days on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. The library will be closed May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> for science MCAs. The rest of May is open as usual until the last check out day on the 24<sup>th</sup> with all books due back by the 31<sup>st</sup>. However, there is a mobile library cart in use when the library is closed.

## **Budget**

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Cafeteria – 10:00am – 1:30pm
- Sharing Chipotle FUNdraiser
- Scholastic BOGO sale May 15, 16, 17 anytime from 8am-2pm in Media Center
  - Contact Paul Olson at [paul.olson@isd742.org](mailto:paul.olson@isd742.org) to sign up

### **Upcoming Events/News**

Coke Rewards program is done

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Mornings with Moms and other special women 6:30am-7:30am

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Chipotle FUNdraiser 5pm-9pm @ 3959 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S (by Old Navy)

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Mornings with Dads and other special men 6:30am-7:30am

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Chipotle FUNdraiser 5:00pm – 9:00pm 3959 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S.

Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – PTA/PAC Meeting, Leadership team nominations 6pm-7:30pm

### **Thank You**

Parents, teachers, and students who helped with movie night

Karen K for taking care of conference dinners and bringing cookies

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.