

Madison PTA/PAC
September 19, 2016

Call to order: A monthly meeting of the Madison PTA/PAC was held at Madison Elementary School on Monday, September 19, 2016 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The meeting convened at 6:07pm. Miranda Gilbert PTA Chairperson presiding, and Marcus Paden, Secretary.

Members in attendance

See attached

Welcome and Introductions

Miranda introduced the leadership team and their various roles. If anyone wants to join any committee, please contact Miranda at madisonptapac@gmail.com.

Principal Clark

The school year has started well and good things are happening. She introduced Dr. Teresa Anderson as the new assistant principal. Dr. Anderson has two daughters in college and two poodles. She's been in education for 16 years and has been an administrator in Illinois and North Carolina. Prior to her career in education she was in the military.

In light of recent events at the mall, the school day was good. Support staff was available for any students. We want to ensure parents that we continue to prioritize safety for all students.

Madison will have an open house in October. to show everyone the building and all of the new features that were installed during the summer. Notices will be sent out with more information.

Karen Kruse took 3-5 grade students to sing in a community event. They did so well the 5th graders have been invited to sing for the rotary club.

Jill Dubbeldee Kuhn – Local Artist

Former high school art teacher, now a freelance artist and gallery manager at St Ben's and St. John's. She's done murals in ISD 742 at Kennedy, Lincoln, and Discovery. She will create, with the help of the art teachers and students, art tiles and 2'x8' Masonite boards with paintings. The project will start near the office and work its way around the school. They will be placed higher on the walls near the ceiling.

Tami DeLand – Director of Community Relations

She came to talk about the referendum to replace Tech and remodel Apollo. The new buildings will prepare current and future students for the future work force. The district held 16 listening sessions. The ballot has two questions: one for Tech and one for Apollo. Question 1 must pass for question 2 to pass.

Vision: 21st Century Classrooms

Flexible Classrooms – Tables and chairs instead of desks. Classrooms with white boards, smart boards, television screens, and the ability to change the room to meet the needs of a particular lesson. Specialized learning spaces for labs, culinary education, media services. All infused with technology.

Vision: Future of Our Community

Attracts and retains residents
Builds community pride
Graduates prepared, engaged citizens

Vision: Future of Our Workforce

Supports skills workforce prepared for life-long learning
We're not just building schools, we're building futures.

\$149 million to remodel Tech, \$104.5 million to build a new facility.

The district will move administrative offices and the welcome center to Tech. Office space has less stringent building codes and much lower renovation costs.

Cost reduced: \$160.3 million 2015, \$143.25 million 2016. Scope and size of projects are smaller, i.e., Apollo will not get a new gym.

Annual cost for a home valued at \$150,000 will be \$160.40/yr. The difference between question 1 passing alone and both questions passing is \$4 a year.

More information is available at <http://stcloud742.schoolwires.net/Page/6419>

Susie Moss – District Title 1 Funding

Formerly, low achieving students were pulled from class to get special help. Now, all students benefit from Title 1 funding. The goal is for all students to pass standardized test and get the same help.

The program is flexible and efficient for all students, driven by needs. All teachers are Title 1 teachers, all students are Title 1 students, and parental involvement is encouraged. This includes Madison's family involvement nights. The next family involvement night is October 11th.

Mrs. Kieke, Kindergarten Teacher

New this year, each kindergarten class has a co-teacher. They will help with reading, math, and science for 90 minutes.

Our goal is to have a kindergarten teacher at every PTA meeting.

Mrs. Johns, 3rd Grade Teacher

A new reading program has launched this year and was sent home.

Sonia Dickrell, Volunteer Specialist ISD 742

Community Ed has agreed to cover all costs for background checks for volunteers. The goal is to maintain safe schools while not placing a burden on families. If you are a volunteer, you do not need to redo a background check unless you haven't volunteered for one calendar year.

Bill Martin-Chaffee

LEAF Adopt A Classroom is an opportunity for people to donate money to specific classrooms. Every dollar goes to the teacher for needed education resources. It's \$250 to adopt a classroom. You don't have to pay the entire amount. You can chip in with other families or only donate only what you can. More information and donations can be made at <http://www.leaf742.org/donate/adopt-a-classroom>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Cafeteria
- Room parent
- Conference dinners in November and March
- Picture day/retakes/spring pictures
- Walk-A-Thon
- Watch D.O.G.S.

Upcoming Dates

- October 7th – Donuts with dads and other special men 6:00am – 7:30am
- October 11th – Madison family night
- October 12th – Picture day
- October 14th – Mornings with moms and other special women 6:00am – 7:30am
- October 17th – PTA/PAC meeting 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- October 19th – Walk-A-Thon all day during specials
- November 15th – Turkey bingo 5:30pm – 7:00pm

A huge thank you to Anna, Sam, and Annie our 8th grader sitters for the meeting

Contact Us

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