

## **MINUTES of PTA/PAC**

**Meeting Date: March 21, 2016**

**Call to order:** A monthly membership meeting of the Madison PTA/PAC was held at Madison Elementary School on Monday, March 21, 2016 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The meeting convened at 6:03 pm. Miranda Gilbert, PTA Chairperson presiding, and Marcus Paden, Secretary

### **Members in attendance**

Miranda G, Rhiannon K, Karen K, Amanda J, Matt C, Jess O, Dan S, Colleen O, Jean C, Lissa S, Billi R, Carol B, Marcus P

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Guest Speakers**

Middle Eagles CMPS (CoMmunity Problem Solving) Team is a group of Apollo students who work on community project. The goal of this year's project is to reduce cultural tension in the community. The group will present their project at a state competition. They also presented their project at an event at the St Cloud Library titled Calling All Cultures. The Somali Museum of MN and Unite Cloud sponsored this event.

### **Principal/Assistant Principal's Report**

- Madison has 84 students registered for kindergarten next year.
- The building will be closed starting June 9<sup>th</sup> so HVAC can be repaired and A/C installed.
- Teachers will change classrooms and the school will return to graded wings (i.e. all 1<sup>st</sup> graders in one wing.)
- The parent drop off area may be extended, depending on funds.
- All classrooms will get new doors.
- A new sign will be installed at the front of the school.
- The school time will be the same next year.
- Goal setting will probably happen again next school year.

### **Teacher's Report**

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade went to see Mr. Popper's Penguins.  
1<sup>st</sup> grade trip to Arboretum May 26-27<sup>th</sup>.
- MCA Test coming up. Encourage students to take their time with the test. They don't need to rush through it.

### **Festival of Cultures**

The event will be spread throughout the school. Each student receives a passport and gets a stamp after they visit different stations. Food from different cultures will be available. Planning for the Festival of Cultures is on going. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Miranda.

Kirsten Wagenius, CIP-PAC Chair – Group is a K-12 parent organization. English literacy is currently on their agenda to help Chinese immersion students with their English, which in turn helps their Chinese.

Ideas for the Festival of Cultures event - A teacher plays the Chinese harp and may be able to demonstrate. Chinese immersion students could teach participants how to make paper lanterns and paper cutting. A display table could be set up with various items highlighting Chinese culture.

### **Other Parent Groups**

Parents In Action – Meets at Madison on Thursday for the next six weeks. Focuses on fostering self-esteem and academic achievement. Information was sent home in Wednesday folders.

Arc Midstate Group – Parent connect for children with disabilities. Thursday Nights March 3, 17, 31, April 14, 28. Meets at Hope Covenant Church. Childcare provided up to age 10. Call 320-251-7272 by Monday before each meeting to register.

Social Adventure Club – Students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Focused on building friendships and developing social thinking skills. The club meets at Doctors Park Mental Health Center on Tuesdays 4:30-5:45pm March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12. Call 320-316-0300 to RSVP.

### **Thanks**

*Cafeteria Help* – Sonny D, Sarah G, Melissa G, Jennifer U, Vaida C, Julie J, Unmesha P, Sarah N. Thank you for helping in the cafeteria this week. It was a huge help!

*Family Night* – All of the Madison staff that stay late, helps out, has fun, and keeps our families feeling connected to their school!

*Classrooms* – All of the Madison parents that volunteer in your child(rens) classroom. You might not be recognized on this list, but know that we know you are there helping when and where you can!

*Jean Clark* – Thank you for coming out of retirement and staying with us at Madison for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year!

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

*Hallway Monitor* – MCA testing is coming up in April and the first week of May. We need volunteers to monitor the bathrooms and hallway by the Media Center, where testing will take place. The time is from 8:00am – 12:00pm and there will be a calendar with a sign up coming.

*Cafeteria* – Lunch at Madison is 10:00am – 1:30pm and we can always use an extra set of hands to help clean up and keep the kiddos safe. Sign in at the office and come on in whenever you are able.

### **Upcoming Events – Note the date change for the parent family night**

Somali Parent Night – April 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm Media Center

Parent Family Night – April 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm – 7:00pm

CIP Parent Meeting – April 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Media Center

PTA/PAC meetings – April 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Media Center

NO SCHOOL – April 22<sup>nd</sup>

PTA/PAC meetings – May 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Media Center

Festival of Cultures – Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

