

## **MINUTES of PTA/PAC**

**Meeting Date: February 22, 2016**

**Call to order:** A monthly membership meeting of the Madison PTA/PAC was held at Madison Elementary School on Monday, February 22, 2016 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The meeting convened at 6:04 pm. Miranda Gilbert, PTA Chairperson presiding, and Marcus Paden, Secretary

### **Members in attendance**

Miranda G, Annette H, Laura B, Jaime C, Tina A, Matt C, Marcus P, Amanda J, Billi R, Julie C, Bill M-C, Karen K, Dan S

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Miranda started the meeting and introduced special speakers Caleb Dirckx, Jaime Conway, and Laura Bakker. Members in attendance introduced themselves.

### **Guest Speakers**

Caleb Dirckx, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader from North Junior High. He is part of a group dedicated to community problem solving (After school activity at North). Last year they worked to improve intersection at 29<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

This year, Caleb is working on Project C.O.N.N.E.C.T. (Creating a SmOoth traNsition from elemeNtary to middle sChool studenTs) His goal is to help 5<sup>th</sup> graders transition to North by giving tours, having counselors speaking about student functions at North, and available activities for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There will also be a panel of current students to answer questions. He also wants to host a picnic with Madison's PTA and North's PTO to help parents get involved. More information will be forthcoming.

Jaime Conway – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Academic Achievement Coordinator  
Laura Bakker – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

The enrichment activities available at Madison.

Knowledge Bowl – For 5<sup>th</sup> grade only. One team is formed at the beginning of the year. This activity features three round of competitions at different schools in the district.

US Academic Triathlon - Three events involving working collaboration (mind sprints, face off, party in a box - 40 minutes to read a scenario and create a 5 minute skit to solve a problem). This activity is \$15 per student; scholarships are available. Transportation for events out of district is not covered so parents must provide it. Madison will host the regional event in March.

Spelling Bee – 4<sup>th</sup>& 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 5<sup>th</sup> graders can move on to district and state levels. Each class receives a list of 30 words to practice. A full spelling bee competition takes place at Madison. Two 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will move on to the district level.

Science Rocks – Hands on science and nature conference at St John’s. 5<sup>th</sup> grade only, limited to 20 students and cost \$27 per student.

YAYA (Young Authors Young Artists) Conference – Held at St Ben’s for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> students who excel in writing and drawing. Limited to 20 students per grade and cost \$27 per student.

Word Masters & Math Masters – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Coming next year and challenges critical thinking skills.

Math League – Covers grade level topics, helps student enjoy math.

Geography Bee – Similar to spelling bee, sparks student interest in geography. Looking for financial help for students who can’t afford to go and t-shirts.

### **Teacher/Staff Report**

Students received an ice cream treat last week for good school behavior.

Tina Arendt – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher – Has a Donor’s Choose account to raise money for classroom technology. (Project fully funded on February 23, 2016)

### **Financials**

A copy of the financials is attached.

If you have a loyalty card from Red Robin, they will donate 1% of your bill to Madison. Sign up at <http://www.redrobin.com/betterschools>.

### **Thank You**

*Spring Conference Dinner Providers* – Miranda G, Rhiannon K, Lissa S, Sarah J, Matt C, Alicia C, Billi R, and Karen K. We supplied a taco bar to teachers and staff and they were very appreciative.

*Happy Feet Family Movie Night* – Julie C, Amanda J, Miranda G, Matt C, Alicia C, Kathy F, Karen K, and lot of other teachers and staff that stayed.

*Spring Picture Day* – Lissa S

*Cafeteria* – Grandma Donna F for coming in every Wednesday to help out.

### **Upcoming Events**

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dr. Seuss Activity Night 5:30-7:00pm

March 21<sup>st</sup> – PTA/PAC Meeting 6:00-7:30pm, with free childcare

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Tech, Math, Literacy, Science Wonders, Internet Safety 5:30-7:00pm

April 18<sup>th</sup> – PTA/PAC Meeting 6:00-7:30pm, with free childcare

May 16<sup>th</sup> – PTA/PAC Meeting 6:00-7:30pm, with free childcare

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Festival of Cultures 5:30-7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.