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

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 5th 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 3rd 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 3rd 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 11th and 26th, with full days on the 12th, 13th, 27th, and 28th. The library will be closed May 8th-12th for science MCAs. The rest of May is open as usual until the last check out day on the 24th with all books due back by the 31st. 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 to sign up

**Upcoming Events/News**
Coke Rewards program is done
Friday, April 7th – Mornings with Moms and other special women 6:30am-7:30am
Monday, April 10th – Chipotle FUNdraiser 5pm-9pm @ 3959 2nd St. S (by Old Navy)
Friday, April 21st – Mornings with Dads and other special men 6:30am-7:30am
Monday, April 10th – Chipotle FUNdraiser 5:00pm – 9:00pm 3959 2nd Street S.
Monday, April 24th – 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.