

MINUTES of PTA/PAC

Meeting Date: February 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, Julie C, Matt C, Alicia C, Jacquelin B, Laura B, Mandi S, Marcus P, Jennifer S, Ericka K, Tracey K, Amanda J, Helen S, Barry S, Julie C, Nicole K, Shannon P, Rebecca K

Welcome and Introductions

Guest Speakers – Classroom Teachers & Co-Teachers

Nicole Kulzer – Kindergarten teacher

Jennifer Spellacy – 1st grade teacher

Amanda Johns – 3rd grade and Ericka Kinzer – 3rd grade co-teacher

Laura Bakker – 4th grade and Mandi Schneider 4th grade co-teacher

Julie Keller – 5th grade teacher

This is the first year co-teaching is in every grade level. The co-teachers are not assistants or helpers. They are equal teachers together in the classroom. Co-teaching occurs during the Language Arts time of the school day and allows teachers to better know their students and provides another person students can go to for help. Classrooms are split between ELL and SPED students evenly.

Co-teaching uses two models of teaching:

Parallel Teaching – class is split in half and learn the same thing

Shared Stage – modeling appropriate behavior. Lessons can be tailored to meet the needs of specific students.

Small groups meet in the afternoon to give more targeted instruction to students. The groups are in the same classrooms on opposite sides of the room to cut down on transition times. There are also small groups for targeted lesson like math. Those students are pulled out of class and meet in a separate classroom.

The teachers meet together on Thursday to reevaluate lessons, make any changes, and get ready for the following week. Once a month the teachers and co-teachers receive training on teaching models to use in the classroom. Co-teaching has been a benefit for teachers because there is another adult in the room, they have different ideas, lesson planning is easier, and instruction can continue if a teacher needs to step out.

Principal

Mrs. Clark wasn't at the meeting to answer about open enrollment for next year, or to talk about preschool for next year, or the Artwork project for the hallways.

Mrs. Kulzer did tell us that we are going to have 40 students for preschool next year in the first room right after you come into the school. There will be 20 students in an am class and 20 in a pm class.

Teachers/Staff

120 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders participated in the LEAF Night of Stars concert on Friday, February 24th and Saturday, February 25th. Thanks to Dennis Whipple for providing a space large enough for all of our students to meet and rehearse.

3rd graders are a part of a service project sponsored by Unisys. Students will wear a fitness tracker every school day for the rest of the year. Their walking will earn donations for impoverished people.

5th graders are involved in the Battle of Books. They read 20 books and have a competition where they answer questions based on the books.

During lunchtime, students socialize while in line getting their trays or sitting at the table if they bring a lunch. Once all students are served and seated, they have a 3-minute to 5-minute quiet chew time. This time is for the students to focus on eating, bringing the noise level down, and keeping the cafeteria safe.

During the last seven-ten minutes of lunch, students can go into one of the music rooms and watch a movie, stay in the cafeteria and play with cards, games or read books, or they can socialize with their friends.

Budget/FUNdraising

- Box Tops total earnings with the push - \$716 (1500 Box Tops)
 - Top 4 classes to bring in the most got Mustang bracelets and medal
- Airmaxx - 16 jumpers - \$48.00
- Chipotle - April 10th
- Coke Rewards - March 22nd

2016-2017 PTA Contributions

- Kindergarten \$1,010
- 1st grade - \$1,430
- 2nd grade - \$900
- 3rd grade - \$1,220
- 4th grade - \$1,140
- 5th grade - \$1,080
- Art Classes - \$500
- PE Classes - \$500
- Orchestra \$250
- School Supplies - \$500
- 5th grade orchestra hall trip - \$800
- Science Rocks - \$448
- Office art work - \$400
- School-wide art project - \$2,741

Volunteer Opportunities

Cafeteria – 10:00am – 1:30pm

Movie Night – March 3rd 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Conference night dinner for staff March 2nd 3:00pm – 8:00pm

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 3rd – Movie Night 5:30pm – 7:00pm in the small gym

Monday, March 20th – PTA/PAC Meeting 6:00pm – 7:30pm in the Media Center

Friday, April 7th – Mornings with moms and other special women 6:30am – 7:30am

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

Friday, April 21st – Mornings with dads and other special men 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Monday, April 24th – PTA/PAC Meeting 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.