MINUTES of PTA/PAC

Meeting Date: May 22, 2017

Call to order: A monthly membership meeting of the Madison PTA/PAC was held at Madison Elementary School on Monday, May 22, 2017 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The meeting convened at 6:03 pm. Julie Carpenter, PAC Chairperson presiding, and Marcus Paden, Secretary

Members in attendance
Rhiannon K., Matt C., Alicia C., Marcus P., Kristin R., Andi B., Kristen H., Diane Olson, Jean Clark, Bruce Hentges, Karlyn Doyle, Jacki B., Sarah L., Amanda J., Miranda G., Julie C., Karen K.

Welcome/Introductions

PTA/PAC Board Positions
PTA Chair and Co-Chair & PAC Chairs
Secretary
Treasurer
Yearbook
Watch D.O.G.S.
Staff Appreciation Week
Main Bulletin Board
Family Night/Fundraising Committee
Box Tops for Education
Labels for Learning Points

Transition to Junior High
Fifth grade students from Madison toured North Junior High and got to see how the school operates and the location of classrooms. Teachers and staff were available to answer questions. There was an open house in January and there will be another one August 29th for parents and students to meet teachers. There is also a sports and activities open house in August.

The first day of school, Tuesday, September 5th, will be orientation for 6th grade students and no other students will be at school. Small groups of 6th graders will be paired with two 8th grade students who is trained to connect with students, conduct activities, and check-in with the 6th graders throughout the school year. The school day next year will be 8:30 am-3:15 pm.

One of the hardest things for students transitioning to North is a locker with combination locks. Spend time with students this summer practicing so they are ready in the fall. Another hard transition is students going from one class in elementary school to multiple classes in junior high. They only have three minutes to pass to the next class. Students are also not allowed to carry bags or backpacks in the school. It is a good idea to walk around North during the open house to map out their schedule so students know where to go when school starts.
Students can be involved in one sport each trimester and a number of clubs and activities. Pickup times for clubs and sports are 5pm. Advisors and coaches will work around schedules if conflicts arise from multiple activities. It is up to the student to work out those conflicts.

Volunteer Opportunities
  ● Cafeteria – 10:00am – 1:30pm

Upcoming Events
Tuesday, May 30th – Young Scholars Parent Night 6pm-7pm
Wednesday, May 31st – 2nd and 3rd grade concerts 1pm
Thursday, June 5th – 4th grade concert 1pm
Wednesday, June 7th – 5th grade farewell concert 1pm, Last Day of School

Thank You
Everyone who volunteers to help the PTA/PAC

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.