

Madison Traditional Academy

Guild Meeting Notes

February 8, 2016

Welcome – Moryha Banks

Varsity girls Basketball team won game tonight! Undefeated!

Principal's Report – Mike Duff

This is the first time our girls' basketball team has been to the championship!

You want to get in your sibling applications for next school year enrollment before March 24th. MTA pre-school will get in the sibling application if the sibling is currently in MTA pre-school.

MTA Cheerleaders won third in the state; which is the highest they have gone.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Hunter

Chris provided an overview of what was discussed last month's Guild meeting:

At the beginning of school year; a budget is set with a goal so that revenue generated and spent balance.

Our expenses are fixed for the most part – we know what we will be spending.

We project that will we be \$20K short of meeting our expenses; but we are ok because we have a buffer as we have reserves. Our goal is to keep one year's worth of expenses in reserves. Our reserve for a year is \$90K.

In addition, we have some big fundraiser events coming up – Cornhole and the Spring Social.

Hoot Attacks

Hoot Attacks can be for anything; birthdays, winning a basketball game, cheerleading championship – you can go onto the MTA site and place your orders there too.

Parent Survey

Colleen Anderson sent out an online parent survey. The survey is focused on fundraising. How have you felt about fundraising in the past and ideas on what people liked or are interested in. Please only do one survey per household. The survey is anonymous.

Nominating Committee

Moryha Banks announced that our Guild Executive Board nominating committee is now accepting nominations for the 2016/2017 school year. Please find the nominating form on our Guild website if you are interested in joining or interesting in nominating a parent.

Nurse Office Update

Moryha spoke on behalf of our nurse's office. Students may not bring in their own cough drops. Please make sure you drop off cough drops to the office for the nurse to dispense to your student if needed.

Art Walk

Moryha: The art walk is tomorrow. You can purchase your children's art for \$10 or \$20 for framed. A balloon artist will be on site and the Luncha Libre food truck will be here. This Art Walk includes art from all grades.

If you can't come you can still purchase later.

Field Day Shirt

Sonja Chappell: In the past we have required families to purchase a field day shirt. This is not required this year. For field day there will be no color requirement and any spirit shirt is allowed or a Friday shirt.

Dad's Club – Barton Dunn:

Movie night is April 1st - the night before the parent social. This is a free night on our school field. The movie is Big Hero Six. There will be pizza, popcorn and candy for sale.

The Cornhole event is February 27th – if you haven't received an email – please email mtadadsclub@gmail.com.

Spring Social: Wendy Rodriguez

The Spring Social is a parents night out fundraiser for the school at Aunt Chilada's on April 2nd. The event is a casino night where you will earn chips. Every 25 chips you earn will get you a raffle ticket for baskets. We are looking for donations - gift cards, wine donations; etc. Flipdunk is going to be hosting parent's night out where you can drop your kids off – limited capacity – first come first serve. You will have to reserve.

Proposition 123 – Chris Thomas:

Chris Thomas works for the AZ School Board Association. The Association we challenged the state's ability to provide inflation funding. This has led to Proposition 123. The vote for a yes will provide an increase in funding to Arizona's K-12 schools. Please see further information about Proposition 123 on this website:

<http://www.azsos.gov/elections/voting-election/election-information>

Chromebooks – Moryha Banks:

The ratio of computers to students at MTA was five to one. The new Chromebooks computer to student ratio is three to one. We were scheduled to get Chromebooks for next year. The timeframe was moved up to now due to our growth and the fact that we would need another room as a classroom next year. Therefore, the computer lab is going away and will be made available as a new classroom for next year.

MTA was given eight carts of Chromebooks because the number of carts needed was calculated by the number of students. So it turns out that MTA would be short by one cart for one grade. Therefore, the Guild purchased one more cart (36 Chromebooks); so all grades have access to one cart of Chromebooks.

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