

## **Madison Traditional Academy**

### **Guild Meeting Notes**

**April 4, 2016**

#### **I. Welcome – Moryha Banks**

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

#### **II. Principals' report – Mike Duff**

Mr. Duff thanked everyone for being here tonight.

State testing starts this week and next week. The testing is spread out between two weeks since we are using the Chrome books. Please make sure students have a good night sleep.

Reminder: For next year; do not ask for a specific teacher unless you have had a sibling have that same teacher.

First grade teacher Mrs. Malone is expecting and is due in a couple of weeks.

The following year Mrs. Malone is taking a leave of absence. Mrs. Hills will be returning from a leave of absence next year and will take 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Joyce Carlyle was on a leave of absence this year and is not returning next year since Mrs. Carlyle and her husband are relocating out of the Phoenix area.

Next year we will now have three 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. This is the first year that 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have three classes. The plan for the next academic school year is to do a block schedule with Social Studies and Science. The class periods will be 85 minutes long. Kids in each grade level will only have one semester of Social studies and then the next semester is Science. This will allow for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes to have two 30 minute electives. Two 30 minute electives will be available for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade too. Elective classes for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will happen every day.

MTA will be interviewing for a new 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher.

Mrs. Grass will be leaving MTA to work part-time and may be a substitute teacher.

Question: Will foreign language be the same?

Answer: Mr. Duff says that the district will need to decide if they are going to renew the Rosetta Stone program for next year.

#### **III. Treasurer's Report – Chris Hunter**

We are stilling running a \$20K deficit by the end of the school year. From an expense point of view, we hit our goal. The only time we went over budget for expense is when we intentionally did so with the Chromebooks; so that each grade level had one set of Chromebooks. The district bought a cart of Chromebooks for all but one grade. We have enough money in reserve to handle a \$20K shortfall. We just did not generate as much money has we have in the past. Our concern is that we will have a budget issue if we

keep running our budget year after year without raising as much money as we have in the past.

There will be a nice bump in revenue as soon as the pending items from the recent Spring Social are posted.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **a. Nominating Committee – Mara Hayes**

Colleen Anderson - Co-President  
Sonja Chappell - Co-President

Bart Dunn - VP  
OPEN - VP

Chris Hunter - Co-Treasurer  
Bridget Greene - Co-Treasurer

Amy Satterfield - Co-Secretary  
Julie Furey - Co-Secretary

Heather Kruger - Parent Rep Grades (K-2)  
Patti Mosseau - Parent Rep (3-5)  
Amy Adkins - Parent Rep Grades (6-8)

Nominating Committee  
Trina Cook  
Heather Cook

##### **b. Dad's Club – Barton Dunn**

The movie night on the MTA field was Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> and was successful! Last year we had 200 people show up and this year we had 400 in attendance. The food available for sale was based on last year's turn out and that was why the food ran out and there were delays in obtaining more pizzas. Thank you to all who attended!

##### **c. Spring Social Recap – Moryha Banks**

Thank you for all who came to the Spring Social Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Spring Social was a big success. We had a lot of teachers in attendance. A big shout out to Wendy Rodriguez and Natalie Newell for putting on a great night!

##### **d. Open committees for next year – Colleen Anderson**

A lot of people are returning as committee chairs for next year. We do have open committee chair positions. Please contact Colleen Anderson if interested; [colleen.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.anderson@gmail.com). The open committee chairs are:

- Family Events – Bingo night, Trivia Night, Spirit Night
- Lost and Found
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- Fall Fundraiser – there are eight parents currently interested in participating and one may take over as committee chair. But if you are interested; please contact Colleen Anderson.

- Mad Money
- Original Art Card – the prior co-chair may be interested but we could have a second co-chair to assist. Original Art card is the fundraiser that makes your child's art work into merchandise you can buy.

### **Important Dates**

**4/6 TCT Wednesday; 1:30 release**

**4/6 Spirit Night @ California Pizza Kitchen**

**4/11 – 4/15 AZ Merit Testing**

**4/18 – 4/22 AZ Merit Testing Make-up**

**4/27 TCT Wednesday 1:30 release**

**5/2 – 5/6 Teacher Appreciation Week**

**5/4 TCT Wednesday 1:30 release**

**5/9 Guild Meeting 6:30 Cafeteria, Slate Vote**

### **Parent Checklist: April Meeting**

- Check out the Uniform Exchange outside the cafeteria.
- Check in on help counter before 6:30 to receive one MTA volunteer hour.
- Fill out e-scrip form (free easy way to earn \$\$ for MTA)
- Logo Sales: Order Friday T-shirts, uniform shirts and logo items.
- Order Hoot Attack Owls in your yard for a special occasion – birthday, thank you etc... All proceeds to MTA Chair: Annette Ashton – hootattack@gmail.com.
- Contact info for Website/Facebook /e-hoots – Moryha Banks; Moryha@gmail.com.
- Mark your calendar for the May 9<sup>th</sup> Guild Meeting; 6:30 pm

Thank you for your support!