

Madison Traditional Academy

Meeting Notes

September 12th, 2016

I. Welcome – Colleen Anderson

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Principal's Report – Mike Duff

- Our librarian, Cotton Fabiano, is leaving the MTA librarian position and going to work for the Madison District for a full-time, 12 month a year position. There are three candidates who are being interviewed for the MTA open librarian position.
- Please do not block the cross walks during drop off or pick up.
- If you park in the school parking lot, you must walk your student in. Do not let them walk in from your car as the cross walk is not manned in the school parking lot.
- The new District volunteer application is accessible now online. Please do not complete this volunteer form at this time. Since MTA uses the same Help Counter site that the Madison School District is using, we are testing by having the Guild PTO board complete the volunteer form to ensure that no 'wires cross'.

III. Treasurer's Report – Chris Hunter

- There are not a lot of variables to the budget – a lot of what is on the budget is already fixed.
- We have exceeded the budget for the Guild Membership/Directory. You have until the 16th to do your membership to the Guild still.
- The Dad's club raises a lot of money for the Guild.
- Over the years we have raised approximately \$135K more than we have spent. Our current policy is to have a reserve of one year's worth of spending in case we have a future year with low to no fundraising. Last year we did purposely go over budget because of some items we purchased; such as an additional set of Chrome Books for the school and outdoor benches and tables. This year we will be purchasing a water filling station for the school.
- A motion was made to approve this year's Guild budget and all were in favor.

IV. New Business – Colleen Anderson

- a. **Family Fun Day – Mary Kassels – cnmkassels@gmail.com.**
 - Mary is our Family Fun Day Chair.

- Family Fun Day coordinator positions available on Facebook and the Guild Site.
- Please email Mary if you are interested in assisting with any of the coordinator positions.
- There will be hours available on Saturday Nov 5th the day of Family Fun Day.

b. Fall Football Raffle – Jeff Cody

- This is a Pro- football raffle. There have been about 450 tickets handed out and typically about 95% of the tickets get sold. We have about 200 to 250 tickets to sell still.
- Sell seven tickets get one hour of volunteer time!
- Tickets are \$50 each.
- Sale ends September 18th.
- Question: What % of money stays at school?
- Answer: 100% of the money stays at the school.
- Moms can sell too!
- You can purchase tickets online on the Guild site.
- You can go on the Guild site and see the posted winners.
- There are seven different winners each week – from \$200 down to \$25. Bottom two teams also win \$50 and \$25.

c. Bingo Night

- Pizza, drinks, photo booth, root-beer floats and prizes. 9/16 K-4. 6pm – 8pm.

d. Spirit Night/Month – The Vig – Arianna Shwer.

- 9/28 is Spirit Night at The Vig Uptown (bring a flyer).
- Plus, The Vig Uptown is offering 15% off for schools for the whole month of September. No flyer is needed to receive the 15% off. You must mention that you are with MTA. We are competing against other schools.
- The school with the most participation will get awarded with an extra \$500.

e. Coin drive – David Funkhouser

- Our coin drive this year will be Oct. 31st through Nov. 4th.
- Our goal is to raise \$12K.
- The coin drive is sponsored by MidFirst Bank.
- We are looking for more volunteers to help with the moving of the change.
- MidFirst Bank will match \$750 for the first \$2K.

f. Message from the Nurse – Sandi O’Connor

- Our MTA nurse wants us to remember that your child needs to be fever free without Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hours before returning to school.

g. Dbacks Game – Colleen Anderson

- The deadline to purchase Dback tickets is this Friday.

h. 2016 fundraising plans/goals – Colleen Anderson

- Colleen showed a Venn Diagram to show that we are not just asking for money to fund raise. We also provide a lot of opportunities for community events. Some items are more fundraising and some are focused on providing a service to MTA families.
- Funds and activities the guild does not control:
 - The \$50 activity fee.
 - Tax Credit Donations.
- Guild is also not responsible for sports, \$1 a jean day, field day, yearbook, school dances or school pictures.

i. Budget Override – Karen Kruse

The Madison bond override that will appear on the November ballot is a continuation of an override that was approved in 2009. When this passed in 2009, this override was required to be approved again in seven years. This bond override is for upgraded technology; such as, chrome books and more. The override is for voters to override the taxation of property that is allowed by the legislature. If this passes property taxes will be less. 20% in 2009 – we can only increase this year’s capital by 10%.

Karen has signs that you can take to put in your yard.

It also helps to give financial contributions. Please visit Yesonmadison.com.

Q: Is this above and beyond what we did for Prop123?

A: Prop123 was for the teachers 1% raise, healthcare costs and general operations. This current override is for capital improvement.

Q: The Guild budget shows a line item for a contribution for the Madison Override. Could the Guild lose its 501c3 status by contributing to the Madison Override campaign?

A: No. A 501c3 can engage in legislative advocacy and issue-related advocacy, as long as it steers clear of political campaigning for people who are running for offices in public elections.

J. Logo Sales

Logo sales are in the back and if you have ordered anything from logo or spirit shirts online.

K. Amazon Smiles – Brigitte Green

Please shop Amazon using the site “smile.amazon.com”. This site is the same site as Amazon.com, however, you pick MTA as your designated charity. Amazon donates .5% of your purchase (most purchases). Plus, you can ask family, friends and co-workers to shop using “smile.amazon.com” and link MTA too.

V. Acknowledgements – Colleen Anderson

- Arianna Shwer – CPK Spirit Night
- Rick, Jeff and all Dad’s Club- Fall Football Raffle
- Trina Cook, Heather King-Cook, Donna Ross – Membership
- Julie Furey – hosting Homeroom Parent/Comm. Chair meetings.
- 6, 7, & 8th Grade Families + Luci’s – Teacher Luncheon

VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.