

Nov Madison Traditional Academy Guild Meeting - 11/13/2023

Monday, November 13, 2023
6:22 PM

- I. Welcome - Sara Snyder
- II. Communication
 1. Facebook is real time so best way to get updates
 2. Hoots and Hollers weekly emails
 3. Remind texts
- III. Important Dates
 1. Fun Run - 11/17 @Sunnslope and partnering with Step it Up which has activities appropriate for all ages. Gold ticket will go home with students. Event will be broken up by age and go from 6-9pm
 2. Spirit nights - refer to presentation for participating restaurants
 3. Shop all day - 12/6 holiday shopping event at Evereve. 15% goes back to MTA
- IV. MTA wins
 1. We raised over \$80,000 for our Fall Fundraiser!!
EVERYONE is invited to the Day of Awesomeness on 11/17 at Sunnyslope!
K-2 grade is 6-7pm / 3-5 grade is 7-8 pm / 6-8 grade is 8-9 pm
Wear your MTA spirit shirts
Thank you Katie Seyk & Kelly Richards for bringing this event back to MTA!
 2. Successful Parent Social last week -thank you to our fabulous co-chairs Teresa Strunk & Karli Fautch
 5. Volunteer hours
 1. Raptor is finally working but please keep track of your hours for yourself.
 2. In order to get hours you must have already signed up in Raptor so hours can be input into your account
 3. Raptor is not where you sign up to volunteer. It is where you track the hours you have volunteered
 6. Join the Guild
 1. Membership drive currently going on - join and get a car magnet
 7. Financials
 8. Save the date
 1. 11/17 Fun run
 2. 12/20 Zoolights
 3. 2/27 Family Fun Day @ MTA
 4. 4/6 Sweetheart Dance
 9. Principal's update - Security Update and Q&A with Lori Garvey, Deputy Superintendent and Jose Almeida, Maintenance Supervisor, Kyle DiMatteo, Director of Maintenance
 1. Emergency operations plan - creates blueprint for how to respond to emergency. Must be updated every 2 years. Last year started process to revise and defined a roadmap. Goal is to have plan finalized by end of year 2023. Currently operating in a hybrid of the existing plan and incorporating portions of the new plan where it makes sense
 2. Currently doing research with other school districts and police departments to determine what direction the district will go with.

3. Assessment completed to determine where opportunities are and what should be implemented. Most updates that have been implemented have come out of that and will continue to make changes based on this
4. Projects -
 - a. Front office remodels - make them more secure. Access control, bullet resistant glass
 - b. Blinds and shades - are in the process in the coming months
 - c. Card access - allows common areas to be locked
 - d. Cameras - half way rolled out through district. Middle schools are first priority. MTA is scheduled to be completed next (timeline not shared)
 - i. Priority changes foxcwr school implementation based on need ex. Excessive vandalism or theft
 - ii. Where will cameras be installed when they come to MTA?
 - iii. What is the exact timing for installation? We need a timeline for all safety upgrades
 - iv. Why would cameras not be pointing at the field? A: Cameras will be pointed at the exterior and all school areas will be covered by camera
 - v. Will Mr. Merrill be able to see camera footage from his desk? A: Yes, as well as feeds can be shared with police
 - vi. Bullet proof resistant film exists on the front offices. Library does not include this film
 - e. Funds have been allocated to social resources/support systems at the campuses to help identify threats before they become an issue.
 - f. Security measures are constantly evolving and as incidents happen then new plans are being put in place to help keep people safe. The conversations continue and will continue to assess to make additional enhancements for safety
 - g. Can we get a SRO? A: there is a budget process and the SROs were not identified as a priority but social workers and counselors were identified as a priority. The district doesn't even have a job description for that role
 - h. Can PTOs pay for an armed guard? We would not entertain an armed guard but someone who is well trained and trusted on campus. The district is trying to not have additional questions brought on by PTO
 - i. Madison has approved grants for 2 SRO positions listed for middle schools in the budget?
 - j. If PTO wants to raise funds for SRO then district will approve that? A: No, district will not approve any more PTO funded positions
 - k. Are classroom doors locked during class? A: yes on the ground floors. 2nd floors are not locked
 - l. What is happening with teachers trained regarding safety? A: The next part of the roadmap is teacher training. Currently working on selecting program and then teachers will be trained by the end of the year
 - m. How are teachers communicated with in the event that kids are moving from class to class upstairs? A: Mr. Merrill can intercom and every room has a radio

- n. How are the counselors assigned or how do children get to go see counselors? A: depending on situations then children can be assigned or any child can elect to go see a counselor/SW
- o. All questions can be directed to Lori Garvey