

Sept Madison Traditional Academy Guild Meeting - 9/11/2023

Monday, September 11, 2023
6:18 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. Vision and hearing screening this week 9/12&9/14
 2. School pictures 9/21
 3. Owl star assembly 9/29
 4. Spirit nights - refer to presentation
- IV. Volunteer hours
 1. Issues with Raptor. The hours are getting recorded even if you are not able to see the hours in Raptor
 2. Raptor is not where you sign up to volunteer. It is where you track the hours you have volunteered
- V. Save the date
 1. 11/4 Feed My starving Children. Some spots left but almost full
 2. 11/3 Parent Social
 3. 11/17 Fun run
 4. 12/13 Zoolights
 5. 2/27 Family Fun Day @ MTA
 6. 4/6 Sweetheart Dance
- VI. Join the Guild
 1. Membership drive coming soon in October. Sign up to become a member of the Guild. This will give you voting rights
- VII. Financials
 1. Refer to budget
- VIII. Principal's update
 1. Casey George with Saxon - Saxon math is going away so currently piloting 2 programs
 2. Both curriculums are available in the front office for review by any parent

Q: Is Saxon really going away?

Q: Can we get an official statement from publisher that this is going away?

A: Published through 2024 but after that publishing will stop. Materials will stop being updated after that but can still be used

Q: How are the students being graded that are piloting these programs?

A: Teachers have complete control over the grade. The Math curriculum companies have been brought in to help provide support to teachers. Teacher goal is to ensure that each grade level is proficient at the objectives for that grade

Q: What supplemental support can you provide students? Tom Horne just provided 40 million in funding for tutoring. Is MTA eligible for that?

A: Nothing currently exists and will look into the funding for tutoring

Q: Does the district allow additional funding for tutoring because we are a signature program?

A: Will look into this

Q: Can parents have printed materials at home?

A: Answer unknown. Next meeting with publisher is 9/27 so will ask

Q: What metrics are being used to determine what program will be used to go forward?

A: Will use teacher's input. There is not a concrete metric for selection but the kids will still be evaluated on the MAP scale

Q: Can testing be done after each program to determine level of comprehension vs other students using Saxon

Q: Other schools in Madison offer teachers additional money to assist with after school tutoring. Is that available at MTA?

A: MTA teachers are not usually interested in this because they make more privately. MTA has private tutoring established which parents can schedule outside of the school.

Q: Has a deep dive been done into Math in Focus or Reveal Math by McGrawHill?

A: No

Q: Is the curriculum similar or different in each program?

A: They are very different

We need implementation specialists for the programs to assist the teachers with implementation

Q: Can the Guild put together a proposal that will pay teachers money to provide additional tutoring support to classes that are piloting?

IX. Bond and Override

1. Madison advocates which advocate for Madison schools
2. Vote Yes on \$100 million bond and Maintenance and operations override to continue
3. Remodels, lifecycle project, tech which is what we need money for from this bond
4. Override will allow salaries/benefits, etc that are used for running the schools
5. Yesonmadison.com for questions