

PTSA Meeting

October 9, 2019

Attendees: Sarah Kent (Volunteer Coordinator), Heather Vargas-Lyon (School Nurse), Greg VanGaver (PTSA VP), Megan Hochstatter (Co-Pres), Shellise Montgomery (Lego League), Anne Rakunas (Treasurer), Anya Rudnick (Arts Committee), Mariana Zantop (FRC, PTSA Secretary), Sharon Hammill (PBIS, FRC, Immigration Support Team), Hiwot Alemu, Jennifer Colisimo, Vu Tran (ARNP Odessa Brown), Mary McDaniel (Principal), Amanda Bagsby (FRC)

Health Fair Update (Heather Vargas)

The Health Fair is on Tuesday Oct. 22nd from 5-7:30pm. Dinner will be served. Volunteers are needed to set up and help serve food.

- The PTSA will help get the word out to parents and families.

Vendors and services will include:

1. Odessa Brown Clinic flu shots.

These are available for students registered with Odessa Brown. Registration papers available at the front office. Vouchers available for parents to get flu shots at Bartells. Students can also get flu shots through appointments at the Odessa Brown Clinic at Madrona Elementary. There is an unlimited supply of vaccines. Madrona's Odessa Brown Clinic gets credit for every child who gets a flu shot, so it's ok to get the flu shot at school even if you have flu shot coverage through your insurance. There will be support for immigrant families at the Health Fair to help them navigate the registration paperwork.

2. Free helmets and helmet fitting.

3. American Lung Association

The ALA will provide information and sign-ups for a free in-home asthma assessment.

4. NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) and SE Youth and Family Services

NAMI will provide information about mental health and how to access free counseling for youth.

5. YMCA

Amanda Bagsby is coordinating this.

6. Gun Safety and free lock boxes.

Other ideas include having Dr. Stu provide information about dental health and finding a Registered Dietician to provide nutrition information and support.

Q&A

What is possibility of having full time nurse at Madrona Elementary?

- Shellise would like to work with the school and Odessa Brown staff to get a full time nurse at the school.

Several parents have raised concerns about candy being used as a reward in the classrooms. It was suggested that the PTSA provide items (notebooks, pencils, bubbles, slime, etc.) as an alternative reward system. Candy is not a part of PBIS. Some teachers are choosing to do this on their own.

- Mary will discuss this with teachers.

Principals Report (Mary McDaniel)

1. Clarification on the use of recess as a behavioral tool.

Teachers are not taking away recess as punishment for behavioral infractions. If students make poor behavioral choices, those students may stay with their teacher during recess to problem solve and determine consequences. Sometimes students choose to stay in during recess to talk with teachers in private.

- Mary will follow up with substitutes to ensure that they do not use this strategy for behavior management.

2. Student-led conferences are coming up the Saturday, Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

3. Data Team Meetings

RCF (Reading Comprehension and Fluency) and MAP (Math and Reading) are going really well. Mary is trying to get district leadership to experience this process at Madrona Elementary.

Pull-Out Model - Madrona Elementary is working on meeting the needs of all students in reading and math using the Pull-Out Model. Tier 1 students are those who are meeting and exceeding expectations. Tier 3 students are significantly behind their grade levels. Tier 2 students are performing in the middle. Groups will be fluid so all tiers will do work both inside and outside the classroom. The Pull-Out model makes an effort to include all races and ethnicities. Pull-Out groups will take place two days a week. Mary is working on creating a science Pull-Out group. The goal is for all students to read at their grade level by the end of the year.

Q&A

Race and Equity Team

There was discussion around creating an integration/equity team for black students.

- Mary is working to get a racial equity team here to work with and train staff/teachers.

- Shellise offered to be a part of this team. Mary will connect Shellise with Ms. Chandler.
- Heather Vargas is on the race and equity team of nurses and would like to be a part of this team.

Jog-A-Thon (Anne Rakunas)

The Jog-a-Thon, Madrona Elementary's biggest fundraiser of the year, is on Friday, Oct. 18th.

Pledge envelopes have been sent home. All students who turn in their envelope will receive a prize, whether or not they collected pledges. Incentives for participation include the Golden Shoe for the classroom that runs the most laps and a pizza party for the class with the greatest number of pledges. Jaclyn Koenig is helping kids find ways to approach local businesses.

More volunteers are needed.

- Sarah Kent will send out e-mail reminder on Friday, October 11th.
- A reminder will be posted in Mary's newsletter. Mary will also send a reminder via Robocall, which can translate the message into different languages.
- There is an app called "Benefit" which is similar to Amazon Smile. If it is downloaded on your phone, a certain percentage of your purchase will go towards Madrona Elementary or the non-profit of your choice.