

## **PTSA Meeting 11/13/19**

Attendees: Crystal Ahmadi, Tom Kiehne, Sharon Hammill, Alyssa Hays, Marissa Coluccio, Jennifer Colosimo, Anne Rakunas, Lily StLeger, Anya Rudnick, Jen Siems, Sarah Kent, Danielle Holland, Beatrice Butler, Shelby Jors, Jennifer Campbell, Shellise Montgomery, Denis Koenig, Danielle Gahl, Mariana Zantop

### **Principal's Report – Beatrice Butler**

- Working on Levy Grant with Julie Hansen – the date has been moved up. There are 22 slots with 33 schools applying (including charter schools).
- Working with Leschi Elementary on developing the Summer Staircase extended day program, which will include SPIN (science and technology).
- Student Led Conferences are coming up the week of November 18-22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Madrona is launching a Vocabulary Usage Initiative, which is connected with the CCC Curriculum. Two new vocabulary words are used in morning announcements. Learning walls are being created throughout the school using these new words.
- Teacher Led Cadres being led by Nikita Vasser and Julie Hansen. These are data driven opportunities for teachers to come together for professional development training.
- Madrona is one of four schools chosen to receive a SU grant to enhance math education. The program will start in 2020.

### **Path Bands Report**

- Students who do not receive a band are having one-on-one meetings with their teachers to set goals and see where they need support.
- Fewer calls are being made to the front office related to disruption in the classroom.
- All Kindergarten students got a band, because they're learning.
- There is a Principal band for appropriate behavior in the lunchroom.
- Each teacher has a database of which students have turned in applications.

### **Path Bands Discussion – Parent concerns**

- Concern about kids being allowed to be kids.
- How do parents know if their child has not turned in their application, and is communicating with parents about this a role room parents can take on?
- Concern about kids being “punished” by being excluded from the Friendship Dance or popsicle party because they didn't get a band.
- Concern about stigmatization of kids who did not get bands.
- Maybe if critical mass of students gets a band, the whole class gets the “reward.”

### **Path Bands Principal's Addendum**

- This is a work in progress and feedback is welcome.

- At band assemblies, kids who have “caught up” will be recognized.
- Lunch Bunch incentive –support from Family Resource Worker and School Nurse to help kids figure out how to follow the PATH.
- Students are being encouraged to support their classmates to get their bands.

#### **Black Student Committee –Shellise Montgomery**

- Working on getting black people to feel comfortable coming to PTSA meetings.
- Planning a movie night in the cafeteria.
- Planning a reunion/picnic at Madrona Park for black people who go or have gone to Madrona.
- Madrona received an Amazon grant for title 1 schools to get technology into the schools. Would like to use some of this money to help black kids get more exposure to STEM.
- Jennifer Colosimo mentioned a Teals Grant from Microsoft which is meant to bring STEM into majority minority schools.
- Working on creating a comment box for people to submit concerns about the school.
- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Garfield and YMCA documentary “On the Brink” about gentrification. The screening is raising money for the YMCA Youth Program (\$10 tickets for adults; kids are free). The PTSA can promote the event on Facebook.

#### **Treasury Report – Anne Rakunas**

- Jog-a-Thon goal was \$30,000. We’re currently up to \$35,000. Ms. Pacheco’s class ran the most laps and won the golden shoe. Ms. Browning’s class gets a pizza party for the most pledges (91).
- Need 2 people to take over treasurer role. It would be ideal if they could shadow Anne this year.

#### **Multicultural Night (MCN)– Crystal Ahmadi & Amanda Bagsby**

- MCN taking place December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Meetings every Friday at 2:30pm in library. Anyone free to join.
- Theme: United Nations of Madrona.
- The Kindergarten hallway will be decorated as a globe, with lit globes lining hallway.
- Project – large tree with flags that kids make in art class.
- Students are creating lit mandalas for the library in art class.
- Art teacher will do unit on Kehinde Wiley. Photo booth with Kehinde Wiley backdrop.
- Ms. Dora to do Brazilian drumming. Possibly Native American storytelling. Possibly Argentinian Tango.
- Prizes – globe keychain or braided friendship bracelet.
- Jay can help with lighting.
- Kids can decorate their passports in the library (will start blank).
- Need to give parents the info that by 2020 they will need a passport or WA state enhanced ID to fly. Put info on a flyer board at the entrance.
- Working with Ms. B (k-1) (2-3) (4-5) to keep the choral performance short.

- Brownies to sing Black National Anthem.
- Gift cards for families that would like to cook but can't afford to buy food.
- Backpack flyers going out on Friday.

#### **Hour of Code – Jennifer Campbell**

- Will take place Dec. 9-13 in the computer lab.
- Each class will participate in 1 hour coding activity. Three classes a day. Video intermixed with coding activity.
- Need parent and community volunteers to help in lab while kids create a dance party. Ideally 2-3 per hour. No need for non-parent volunteers to go through SPS volunteer application process.
- How to create continuity in computer learning at Madrona? What happens after Hour of Code?

#### **Arts Committee – Anya Rudnick**

The Arts Committee is bringing the following arts programs and residencies to Madrona:

- November--Creative Dance Center will be doing a performance and residency for grades K-2.
- January/February--The 5th Avenue Theatre's Adventure Musical Theater will do a performance of Baseball Saved Us (a story about Japanese-American incarceration during WW2) and accompanying residency for grades 3-5. Performance will be on Feb 4 at 9am.
- January 22--Book-It performance and residency for grades K-2.
- March--Seattle Opera performance and possible residency. Performance will be on March 6 at 9am.
- Afua and Boka will teach West African drumming and dance in the spring. Dates are TBD, but will culminate with a performance at Fish Fry.

Madrona has received a \$5000 grant to support visual arts at the school. Will work with artist Greg Thornton to develop this.

Madrona has funding for each classroom to support arts-related field trips. Need to get the word out to teachers!

Preparations for the musical "Aristocats" will start in January 2020. The musical is open to interested students in grades 3-5. Rehearsals will be after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Performances will be April 2 at 9am and 6p,m and April 3 at 6pm.

#### **Family Resource Center – Sharon Hammill**

- The FRC is working with Ms. Nebiat to provide 35 families with Thanksgiving baskets and Grocery Outlet gift cards. Have 15 families covered. Need to cover 20 more. Request has been posted on FB.

**Lunch Room – Stay Tuned** - Sarah Kent and Sharon Hammill

- How to make lunch room more fun.
- Smooth Jazz background music.
- Working on getting speaker system fixed.

**Global Reading Challenge** – Crystal Perkins

- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders form a team and compete. More information to come.

**Legislative Update** – Danielle Gahl