

PTSA Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Attendees: Megan Hochstatter, Mary McDaniel, Sarah Kent, Christine Tschirgi, Patricia Milillo, Aisha (?), Sharon Hamill, Anya Rudnick, Anne Rakunas, Julia Diaz, Alyssa Hays, Kendra Patrick, Lily St. Leger, Marissa Coluccio, Amanda Bagsby

Principals Report – Mary

- Mary is meeting with teachers up to 4 times per week. Mary is now on the Early Learning Committee with the district.
- Madrona only has 24 kindergartners enrolled so far for the 2020 school year. There are usually over 50 by now. Kindergarten numbers are low across the district due to corona virus. If enrollment numbers stay low, some teachers will lose their jobs. Madrona is currently expecting 252 students. Only kindergarten enrollment has decreased significantly. Enrollment in upper grades are holding steady.
- Jump Start will be virtual this year. Mary will hold zoom meeting with all incoming parents in June and again in August. Teachers and PTSA members will be also asked to talk with parents. Jump Start will be more focused on connections and less on academic learning. Mary is planning for smaller class sizes.
- The district has not yet decided on a plan for reopening schools in September. There are 125 people on the planning committee, including parents. Staggered times, online learning, and in-school learning are all being considered. Updates will be given at the beginning of June.
- If in-school learning is planned, meals will be in classrooms, not in the cafeteria.
- District and Union are in discussions over how to make learning equitable given uneven access to WiFi. Continued on-line learning will pose a challenge to many students.
- Starting June 1st, Mary will be back in the school building. Secretaries will come in on Fridays.
- Teachers will come in on June 8th to pack up all student belongings. Parents will be asked to pick belongings up on June 11th and 12th. Fourth and Fifth grade parents will come in through the garden and will pick belongings up in classroom. Pre-K through 3rd will pick their bags up in the gym. The Family Resource Room will be open and will have gift cards and supplies. Parents who have kids in multiple grades can pick both bags up at the same time.
- Julie Hansen will distribute books from storage closet, including books donated by Epiphany. Teachers will pick out several books for each student and place them in the belongings bags. Teachers will wear masks and gloves while they are distributing the books.
- Madrona is not posting any jobs at this time. Claire from Reading Partners last day was May 27th. Kendra's contract with Seneca ends June 19th. There are several positions for staff, including art teacher, counselors, and custodians, who need to be placed within the school system. Madrona has funding for these positions. Mary is interviewing 5 custodians.
- Summer School is being planned for 54,000 students in kindergarten through -12th grade. Due to difficulties registering students on-line, teachers are being asked to register students for Tier 2 and Tier 3 families. For Tier 1, 50 students will be assigned to each teacher. Teachers will check

in with families twice a week. Tier 2 and Tier 3 will have an IA and be 30 students per teacher. All learning will be on-line.

- If enough students from Madrona enroll in summer school, a Madrona teacher will be assigned to them. If not, classes will be mixed (from different schools). Ms. Carbajal, Ms. Pacheco, and Ms. Diaz have all signed up to be summer school teachers.
- There will be 10 lessons for ELA (reading and writing) and math, and 5 lessons for SEL (social emotional learning). SEL will be Ruler focused. Mary will look into whether there is an option to enroll only in the SEL part of summer school.

Update on PEP – Alyssa and Lily

- Had recap meeting on Tuesday. Continuing PEP is financially feasible, but currently the program doesn't have any insurance. Need a PTSA member/s to step in to take Alyssa's place to coordinate with director of program and run scheduling. Most likely won't start in fall given uncertainty of returning to school. Also need parent volunteers to run classes. Can't offer Tina a position because they don't know how program will be able to be run – for example, how many students they can have per group, etc.
- Have templates and schedules in place to support new person.
- Have 5K deficit, but not an insurmountable problem. So far, PEP has been unable to get reimbursements from McKinney-Vento families. Would need to have a system in place for this. Alyssa can e-mail a ballpark for the amount of reimbursement needed. Mary asked for reimbursement from Kiera Williams. Paperwork has not been submitted yet. Mary will try to track it down.
- Several vendors won't be able to return due to immune compromised group leaders. Hard to imagine running PEP under current CDC guidelines and staggered start times.
- Alyssa will send link with info on what is required for coordinating PEP. Alyssa will write up job descriptions for Exec Director and PEP Coordinator position.

Update on FRC – Sarah and Sharon

- Family Support Fund started after school ended. About \$9,800 has been raised for the FRC. +\$10,000 reallocated from arts fund. \$1800 in rental support has been given to families. Campaigns are still active. Will continue to provide support through end of school year.
- Susie Navarro works at Gates Foundation, which provides a triple match. Sarah is collecting money and funneling it to Susie. So far \$800 has been received. The only downside to donating this way is that you can't submit the donation on your taxes.
- Kendra, Jake and Ms. Nebiat are coordinating Tuesday drop offs of food, gift cards and household items to 20 families. Every Friday from 12-6pm there is a distribution at the school. Last week the FRC served 41 families. About \$1200 in gift cards has been distributed per week.
- Partner organizations have been able to assist with providing fresh veggies, meat, and eggs.
- How to continue support of Madrona families over the summer with fewer staff to help out will be discussed this week. Existing resources will be tapped out by the end of the school year.

Budget - Megan

- PTSA must have a balanced and voted on budget for the next year. Money from events that don't take place can be redirected to the FRC. The PTSA will meet on June 17th to take a formal vote on the budget. The PTSA currently has about \$100,000 in the bank.
- Madrona's biggest fund raiser is the jog-a-thon, which raised \$31,000 last year. We will need someone to take on ownership of Jog-a-thon planning starting in August.
- Several large contributions were matched this year and a total of \$83,000 was raised. The PTSA is assuming \$63,000 will be raised next year.
- The current arts budget is \$10,000. Assuming \$5,000 next year if school does not take place in person. We can revisit this as the year progresses and place more money in the arts budget if needed. Kept money for theater programming in second half of year.
- PTSA is assuming there will be no welcome back bbq.
- Staff appreciation funding was bumped up to include monthly gift cards and catered meals.
- PEP is still a question mark. \$4200 deficit for PEP, even with \$15,000 from PTSA. This is offset by \$5,000 triple matched donation from one family.
- \$2000 to go towards FRC.
- The \$200 teacher allocation was bumped up to 20 teachers to include all certificated staff (for ex. art, PE, preschool).
- PBIS might need some PTSA support, depending on what resources are needed.
- Each budget adjustment will need to be voted on as year progresses.
- Alyssa would like to get yearbook photo disk for a special project. Mary will try to track it down.

End of Year Planning

- Plans for 5th graders. Mr. Moss is putting together a virtual yearbook.
- PBIS put together a certificate for all students that says "Thank you for following the PATH."
- Alyssa offering technical support to Mr. Moss.
- Virtual parties online are being planned for the last day of school on June 19th.

PTSA Rolls

- Marissa will be taking on Treasurer. Need one more person to help out.
- Looking for someone to take on Staff Appreciation.
- Alyssa interested in being co-president.
- Need a secretary. Mariana is interested.
- Sarah looking for someone to help with Volunteer Coordination.
- VPs manage the calendar, set up meetings (PTSA, PEACH), and stay in pres-Mary loop.
- Voting on rolls will take place at June meeting.
- One more newsletter will come out before the end of the year. Will outline positions available.