

PTSA Meeting Minutes September 11, 2019

Attendees: Lily St. Leger (Co-Pres), Alyssa Hays (Yearbook and PEP Coordinator), Mariana Zantop (Secretary), Amanda Bagsby (Community Outreach and Family Resource Center Co-Coordinator), Samara Louton (Volunteer Co-Chair, Social Media Lead, Science Fair Lead), Jen Siems (Communication Co-Chair), Greg Van Gaver (PTSA Vice Pres), Sharon Hammill (Co-Chair Family Resource Center, Co-Chair PBIS), Sarah Kent (Volunteer Coordinator), Heather Vargas (School Nurse), Vu Tran (Odessa Brown FNP), Danielle Gahl (Legislative Co-Chair), Mary McDaniel (Madrona Elementary Principal), Ginger Culver (Room Parent Coordinator), Jocelyn Pacheco, Denis Koenig (Green Team Chair), Jaclyn Koenig (Fundraising Co-Chair), Lluvia Servin Gatica, Beatrice Butler (Levy Coordinator), Kendra Patrick (Mental Health Commission), Jamie Prins, Danielle Holland, Hiwot Alemu, Anja Rudnick, Nebiat Tessema (Family Support Worker)

Room Parent Report (Ginger Culver)

- 3rd year of the room parent program
- Run through the office and partners with the PTSA
- Goal is to be a liaison from school to home and help parents be engaged in the classroom
- Each classroom is assigned 2 parent volunteers

Principal's Report (Mary MdDaniel)

- First Fire Drill is on September 13th
- Enrollment numbers are currently 274, down from 287. June projection was 254. School is trying to get 1-2 more teachers. There is currently a 2nd-3rd and 4th-5th grade split. Madrona is considered a high-needs school, therefore try to have class size below 20. If the school is not assigned a new teacher, it may have to fold 2-3s back into their original classes.
- FNR – Free and Reduced Numbers. Madrona started with 36.6%. Now it is at 38.9%. These numbers are likely underestimations, as many parents have not yet submitted their forms.
- MTSS Team – supports students and families. Focus on closing achievement gap for minority kids. Make sure all kids are reading at grade level.
- Safety Team Committee – coordinating with Epiphany and St. Therese. Working with Tom Kiehne to create critical crisis plans. Doors are locked at 8am. Cameras at school entrances.
- Levy Grant Application (FEPP)– This is a city grant. Madrona is a levy school and received almost 500K in funding in 2012. It is still getting levy funds for reading and math this year. The school will apply for the next round of funding due Dec. 15th. A total of \$345,000 in grants will be spread out over 11 schools. The grant supports tier 3 and tier 2 students (who are 2-3 years behind in reading and math). Nebiat is extending food cards to McKinney Vento families.

Staff Update (PBIS) (Jocelyn Pacheco and Kendra Patrick)

- Madrona is implementing the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS). These are behavior expectations based on the panther PATH for every part of the school. Parents will be notified if

students are not in compliance. Madrona will be using a new “bands” system. Every month there is a theme (PAT or H). Students fill out monthly self-evaluations. They need to get 5 signatures (3 for k-1) attesting to their behavior. Path band assemblies will replace SOTM assemblies. There will be special rewards for students who earn bands – field trips, skate parties, lunch with Mary, popsicle days, extra recess, etc. Panther Paws drawings will continue. If a class earns 500 paws, the class gets a pizza party. Special events will be scheduled on a regular basis. Madrona needs volunteers to help with these events. Bands can be taken away (i.e. incentive will be put on hold) if students veer from the PATH. There is MTSS support for students who struggle to earn bands.

Health Update (Heather Vargas & Vu Tran)

- Health Fair on Oct.22nd
- Topics will include vaccines, helmet fittings, mental health support, gun safety (lock boxes will be available). Dinner will be provided and activities will be available for kids in a separate area so parents can engage with topics.
- Flu shots will be provided. Consent forms will be sent home ahead of time. Bartell’s vouchers for flu shots and Tdap will be available. Measles vaccines must be up to date unless the student has a religious exemption. Students without exemptions have 30 days to get into compliance, or they may not attend school.

Q&A

- What is the role of the Head Teacher? They will be a resource for teachers and focus on supporting 4th and 5th graders. They will step in for Mary the 1st Tuesday of every month.

Committee Updates

Jog-A-Thon (Anne Rakunas)

- October 18th – new date. Packets will be ready next week.

Volunteer Coordinator (Sarah Kent)

- New online system for becoming an SPS volunteer (only needed for volunteers assisting with fieldtrips and in the classroom; not needed for “events”). Upload ID, background check, interactive video on adult sexual misconduct. Only have to go through process once. Background checks are rerun every two years. Volunteers can sign up for a 1.5 hour volunteer orientation on MadronaPTSA.org.

Panther Enrichment Program (PEP) (Alyssa Hays)

- PTSA run. Catalog was sent out 9/11/19. Classes are assigned by lottery (not first come first served) for greater equity.

- There is a \$50 per class fee. The PTSA may need to do additional fundraising to cover costs. If student needs a discount, they can talk to Alyssa or Tina about getting 50% off (\$25/class). Families may also donate money to help cover the cost for kids who can't pay full price.
- Fall Session is 12 weeks. Winter Session is 10 weeks and Spring Session is 8 weeks.
- Need more parents to run classes. Jake (Odessa Brown) wants to teach a karate class. Lego Robotics Team needs support. Trying to get 4/5th grade teachers to allocate class time for this so more students can be involved.

Science Fair (Samara Louton)

- This year the focus will be on bringing parents/volunteers into the classroom, rather than have kids do projects at home. Need to recruit volunteers (ideally 3 per classroom) to work with small groups (5-6 kids per group). Projects will not be judged. The PTSA is looking into whether the Deltas might be interested in helping out.

Legislative Update (Danielle Gahl)

- Amplifier Arts will let us use their space for an activism workshop/training.

Fundraising Update (Jaclyn Koenig)

- Sept 21st Jaclyn's band will play at Southpaw Pizza from 7-9pm. 15% of proceeds will go to Madrona PTSA.

Family Resource Center (Sharon Hammill and Amanda Bagsby)

- The FRC would like to expand its supply of toiletries. Alyssa has contact with hygiene supplies organization and will provide info to Sharon and Amanda.
- Looking into putting together break bags to help families with supplies during school breaks.
- Danielle Holland suggested approaching New Seasons or other grocery stores to donate food for the POP program.
- Sharon introduced her idea for an Adopt-A-Family program as a way to get families together and provide individual support.