

MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTA Meeting Minutes

Nov 7, 2007 Meeting Called to Order at 7:35 pm.

In attendance: Valerie Forshaw, Peter Sullivan, Liz O'Hagan, Cindy Katske, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Susan Gilson, Linda Bartolucci, Regina Dougherty, Kathy Garzillo, Karin Martel, Kathy Pekera, Jill Bohn, Diane Pikikero, Lynn Cammarotta, Monica Welch

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Jill Bohn to dispense with reading of minutes, seconded by Kathy Garzillo, unanimously accepted. No changes or omissions. Sept Minutes were approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Forshaw

Grade 6 Health Nights – Good turnout despite late notice.

Grade 8 Career Night – Hugely successful with 300 out of 313 students participating. Kids are continuing to work on the project with assignments.

Halloween Dances – 325 children attended total – 150 6th graders attended. Val noted that attendance for 7 & 8 graders was lower and she hoped this wasn't a trend. One parent volunteered that Frenchtown had their dance the same night and that possibly affected the Madison turnout.

Grants Received: RYSAP grant – Madison Mentors, Corey Dwyer, Jamie Barbato, Lena Payne
BEI grants – Tee shirt design – Gina Zuk

Note card production for Endangered animals of Rainforest – Alison Roche

BEI – Writer's Inc – Robbie Weiner

ACES – Math Counts – Gina Zuk

Upcoming Events – Pig Races & Pep Rally on Nov 20 with the THS Color Guard – on the new bleachers!

6th Grade Movie Event being planned for after school. Something just for them.

ASST. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Peter Sullivan:

Security – K-12 alert system – 714 out of 869 Madison families enrolled.

Buzzer system will be installed at two main doors. Gym doors being looked at for possible swipe cards to be used by the teachers.

Peter reported that the steps we are taking are deterrents and security will continue to be addressed. Val noted that each school has its unique issues for security: Madison has Open Rec on weekends, Hillcrest has the pool and THS has continuing Ed all of which make it even more challenging regarding Safety.

Bleachers –almost completed. Many delays. Elections moved the installation along as well as upcoming basketball tryouts.

Sewing Room – Completed! All kids getting into the sewing projects making pillows.

Budget: main focus this year on Reading and Math strategy help.

FACULTY REP REPORT: Liz O'Hagan reported that it seemed that Parent Conferences were affected by the fact that Progress Reports came out before the

conferences were scheduled. This probably helped in that some parents concerns were already addressed by the Progress Report and those parents who still had concerns were able to make appointments more easily. Therefore, there was not a “frenzy” of calls to schedule conferences.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Cindy Katske reported for Theresa Bulan. Our balance is:

Checking:	\$8087.79
Savings:	44, 561.64
Total Accounts:	\$52,649.43

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Open Committees: Cindy Katske reviewed the openings which are:

Board of Ed Liaison – need co-chair –Brian DeSanty can’t attend all the meetings;

Father’s Club – need chair;

Wellness – Need chair – meets once a month at Long Hill.

Recent Events:

Magazine Drive – Lynn Cammarotta reported that it is now a waiting game for the booklets to be processed so we can get credit for that. Also waiting for on-line orders and orders due to the mailing of the post cards from the booklets. Many thanks to all who volunteered to help.

Red Ribbon Week – took place with different drug awareness activities during the week. In the future we will continue to look for ways to promote this important event.

Upcoming Events:

School Photos Retakes: Retake day is tomorrow, Nov. 8 – email blast reminder went out as well as a flyer.

School Apparel: A discussion took place saying order forms should be handed out to 6th Graders in the Aug orientation packet. Susan Gilson reported that order forms will be available on Visitation Day Nov. 14 as well as being put on the website and daily announcements. An email blast will also go out. Originally, we only received about 20 orders.

Parent Visitation Day – Nov. 14: Susan Gilson reported that parent volunteers still needed to man the doors during 2nd and 6th periods as well as lunches. Val reported that a list of student by grade level will be given to parent volunteers to help check in parents. Name tags and maps will be available.

Holiday Concerts: Strings/Percussion on Dec 6; Grade 7/8 Chorus on Dec 11 and Band on Dec 13. All performances at 7 pm. A short discussion took place about the need to practice during class times and how practice times rotate so that time out of classes are shared across all subjects.

Other Committee Reports:

Reflections – Kathy Pekera reported that a flyer is ready to go home. An email blast will be sent as well as having the entry form available on the website for downloading.

New Business:

Second Vice President Election– no nominations from the floor. Motion made to elect Karin Martel for this position by Jill Bohn, seconded by Lynn Cammarotta, unanimously approved. No abstentions.

Nominating Committee: 3 or 5 people needed to be elected at the Jan. 9 PTA meeting to put together a slate of officers for the 2008-2009 school year. If anyone is interested, please contact Linda Bartolucci at lindabartolucci@sbcglobal.net

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46 p.m.

Next Meetings: Jan 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.