

**MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**May 9, 2007 Meeting Called to Order at 7:35 pm.**

**In attendance:** Valerie Forshaw, Peter Sullivan, Liz O'Hagan, Allison Karkut, Kate Donahue, Cindy Katske, Regina Dougherty, Theresa Bulan, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Naila Haroon, Linda Bartolucci, Gayle Yakesh, Rachelle Rousso, Donna Dupnik, Monica Welch, Cathy Hallas

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made by Kate Donahue to dispense with reading of minutes, seconded by Linda Bartolucci, unanimously accepted. No changes or omissions. March Minutes were approved unanimously. Minutes are available on Madison Middle School website.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Forshaw

**WE THE PEOPLE & Knowledge Masters** – Madison came in 1st place at the State Level.

**REFLECTIONS** – Madison also did very well.

**Board of Ed Meeting** – May 15 will recognize success of Madison in the We the People and Knowledge Masters. Also to be addressed is a change in the Reading Program and restructuring of the Reporting System. Reading program changes include going from 60 to 90 days for Grade 7 and from 1 to 2 trimesters for Grade 8. Reporting system is to go to trimesters for all subjects thus having 6 reporting periods between the progress reports and report cards. Thus, parents will get feedback every 30 days on children's progress.

**GRADE 8 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS** have begun in earnest. See calendar at end of minutes for dates of all planned activities.

**BLEACHERS** – Order is in; expect delivery in July or August.

**NEW LOCKERS** – are in. Some already installed.

**SEWING ROOM** – refurbishing has begun. Furniture is on order.

**INTERNATIONAL DINNER** – was a great success.

**Asst. Principal's Report:** Peter Sullivan:

**WE THE PEOPLE** – Peter reported that this is only our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of competing in this event. He was able to see most of it and was very impressed with the kids performance and parent support. He expressed gratitude to Mrs. Weiner who worked with the kids and also to the Social Studies teachers who helped to prepare the children.

**Safety Committee** – One issue being addressed is that children are being dropped off as early as 7 am. There is no one to supervise them this early. Cars are being stopped by Sam and parents reminded that drop off is at 7:10 am and no earlier. Side doors are now being locked.

**Faculty Rep Report:** Liz O'Hagan

Liz relayed sincere appreciation from the teachers for the Teacher Appreciation week events planned by the PTA. They were especially enjoying the gourmet

desserts today which disappeared quickly and with great gusto! She also told us how the teachers met recently and were listing all the enrichment activities that took place this year and how they wanted to thank the PTA for making it all possible.

**Treasurer's Report:** Theresa Bulan reported that as of 4/30/2007:

<b>Checking:</b>	<b>\$16,489.45</b>
<b>Dedicated Savings:</b>	<b>5,938.36</b>
<b>Reserve Savings:</b>	<b><u>2,584.74</u></b>
<b>Total Accounts:</b>	<b>\$25,012.55</b>

Expenses versus budget looking good. Please get any outstanding expense receipts in ASAP so we can close the books by June 30.

**Other Committee Reports:**

**BYLAWS – Linda Bartolucci** reviewed the changes needed to bring our bylaws up to date. Quorum is now 10. Nominating committee now 3 – 5 members who begin meeting in January and select their own chairperson. Anyone who is in public office cannot be a PTA officer. Checks written over \$1000 must be signed by the President or President Elect and the Treasurer. Motion to adopt the new bylaws was made by Linda Bartolucci and seconded by Theresa Bulan; unanimously accepted.

**SLATE OF NEW OFFICERS – Jill Bohn** offered the following slate of officers for the PTA year 2007 – 2008:

<b>President:</b>	Cindy Katske	<b>President Elect:</b>	Lori Hayes-O'Brien
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VPs</b>	Susan Gilson and Ann Cheevers		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VPs</b>	Naila Haroon and Linda Bartolucci		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> VP</b>	Valerie Forshaw		
<b>Secretary</b>	Regina Dougherty		
<b>Treasurer</b>	Theresa Bulan		

Motion to accept the proposed slate was made by Monica Welch, seconded by Gail Yakash and unanimously approved. Installation of new officers will take place at end-of-year dinner.

**Health Fair – Kate Donahue** reported it was a great success. She asked for feedback on what worked or didn't work and what the kids liked and didn't like or suggestions for improvement for next year. The "GOT MILK" photos were posted today.

**Cultural Committee – Naila Haroon** reported that six countries were covered this year: India, Pakistan, Spain, France, Poland and Italy. She enjoyed working with the International Dinner to highlight some cultural activities and asked for suggestions for next year.

**Publicity: Cathy Hallas** wants to do something special for the 8 grade end of year "Year That Was". One idea was to give the kids disposable cameras at activities and having them return the cameras for Cathy to have photos developed. For next year, she would like to have a parent liaison between the

team leaders, one for each grade to make sure all bases are covered and we don't miss any important events

**TPSLD – Monica Welch** reported – next meeting at Frenchtown about Summer Camp. Trumbull Rec is partnering with Total Learning Center to provide Sensory Integration and Social Skills in a fun environment this summer. They need volunteers. **On May 15** the “**Above & Beyond Award**” will be given to Nurse Pat. There will also be Honorable Mention given to a Bus Driver and an Aide who has gone above and beyond to help the students. Monica reminded us that we will need three new Madison reps for next year one for each grade level.

**School Beautification: Kathy Pekera** reported that our snowmen got hit by the snowplow. They will need an operation but should fully recover by next winter.

**TPAUD – Trumbull Partnership Against Underage Drinking – Lori Hayes O'Brien** reminded everyone about the on-line survey taking place for Trumbull parents with a chance to win a gift certificate for participating. Please spread the work. An email reminder will be sent out.

**THS RENOVATION:** the Town Council approved the Resolution allowing the Trumbull High School building committee to move forward on a “Like New” proposal for the High School renovation. However, a Trumbull resident is proposing yet another referendum to reduce the amounts approved.

**COMMITTEE LIST** - for next year was reviewed by Kate and Cindy. Openings were noted and some vacancies were filled. Academic Excellence, Book Fair, Stepping Forth, Teacher Appreciation are open. Kate Donahue will be Parliamentarian and Student Council Liaison; Theresa Bulan will be Volunteer Coordinator and Linda Bartolucci will be Website Coordinator.

**THANK YOUS** – Kate expressed sincere thanks to volunteers who will not be returning next year: Judie Galaty for her many years of service to the PTA, Cindy Lavoie, Rachelle Rousso and Lisa Valenti. **Cindy & Kate** expressed their gratitude for everyone's support this year.

**RETIREMENT DINNER FOR BOB SCHMIDT** – Cindy Katske made flyers available regarding the dinner for Mr. Schmidt being held Wed. June 13 at Aldario's in Milford. Cost is \$38.00

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.**

**Next Meetings: Fall 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

## Calendar

May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 10	Spring Concert - Band
May 16	Mark Twain Field Trip (Grade 7/Team 2 & 3)
May 18	Amistad Mock Trial
May 18	Broadway Babies performance
May 21	Jr National Honor Society Induction
May 24	Bronx Zoo Field Trip (Grade 6/Team 1)
May 24	BBQ/Ice Cream Social
May 29	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Holiday Hill trip
June 1	Band trip to Lake Compounce
June 4	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Bluefish Game
June 5	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Dinner and Awards Ceremony
June 6	Maritime Museum Field Trip (Grade 6/Team 2)
June 8	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Dance with Hillcrest at THS
June 18	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Stepping Forth
June 19	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Celebration Breakfast
June 20	Last Day of School