

PTO Meeting

October 13, 2021

Principal Chris Flanagan spoke first.

- a. Renee Mattson (with Child in Bloom) met with teachers this past week to discuss PDIS. Renee is asking questions, such as *how do we see and hear and know our students?* Renee and Mr. Flanagan are looking at class-wide plans to support students. Renee will be back throughout the year.
- b. Testing coming up on October 19 and 20:
 1. Testing coming 3rd grade ELA state test
 2. 2nd grade assessments

Make sure students have rest and breakfast those days.

- c. Parent Teacher Conferences: October 27 and 28.

There was a lot of success with this mixed Zoom/in-person approach. Reminder, too, that the Book Fair is also at that time. Please provide feedback to Principal Flanagan on how you think it went.
- d. Mr. Flanagan met on 10/12/21 with high school students. He had previously met with high school students about meeting one-on-one with elementary students. Kind of like Big Brother/Big Sister. It is mutually beneficial. Mr. Flanagan is trying to bring that program back. Emory Bergdahl and Gretchen Blomstrom are the liaisons for that.

Superintendent Kenji Matsudo spoke next.

- a. The Madeira City School Board is working on trying to make sure we get the word out on the bond and operating levy. Since the last PTO mtg, the Board sent out a letter, outlining the details. The Board also approved some requests for proposals for architects and construction mgrs., in case the levy passes. No dollars have been spent yet. This is just an effort to be ready.

There's another community mtg on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7 pm.
- b. Planning Commission kick-off (commission is a group of parents, teachers, community members, etc). The studies they have undertaken are: You are Enough (Brenee Brown), which has a focus on student mental health; Madeira HS Science Lab study, looking at what the lab might need in the future; and Annual Salary and Benefits Study, benchmarking salaries. For more information, contact Mr. Matsudo.
- c. Student Achievement at the Board meeting in Sept: focused on getting off to a good start.
- d. Business Courier: Ranked Madeira 4th best place to live in OH. #1 in Greater Cincinnati.

- e. Quality Profile leaflet was sent out in the mail to the community. It details our 2020-21 school year.

Question was asked, what is Leaders in Light?

Answer: Professional Development for Mr. Matsudo. How can we be more inclusive to our students? There's no connection to his job. There's no agenda.

Question was asked: Is CRT in the Maderia City Schools curriculum?

That has not been approved.

Maria Schwaller spoke on PTO matters.

- a. Box Tops and Amazon Smile generates funding for the PTO.
- b. Monday Munchies is the teacher treat cart. The cart is overflowing! The teachers are loving it. As the cart needs replenishing, PTO will update the parents.
- c. Sign up to be a substitute for the school! There is a great need.
- d. Madeira Preschool needs subs and aides. There is a current open position for an aide at the preschool! Contact the PTO for details or contact Carrie at the Preschool.
- e. Veggie Tasting Tuesday is currently filled, but we need back-ups in case of a cancellation.
- f. Lunch Duty volunteer opportunities remain available.
- g. PTO membership is closed. Thank you for those that joined! If you missed the sign-up, there is still an opportunity to donate to the school via the PTO website.

Andrea went over the PTO budget:

\$8000 membership net.

Changing Hands Sale (CHS) made over \$10K in profits.

\$37,000 cash balance.

Maria came back to discuss past events:

- a. CHS sale was a success, thanks in large part to our volunteers.
- b. Expenses: we spent about \$1K in marketing for CHS. That's a little higher than normal. Police presence. The plan is to have a spring consignment sale in March.

Upcoming events:

- a. Conference meals- During PT conferences in two weeks, Abby Graham leads the committee that feeds the teachers (Chick Fil A one night and Mazunte another night). Money will also go to the

preschool so they can feed their teachers during conferences as well. They are looking for volunteers to make desserts, or donate water etc for the conferences.

- b. Halloween class parties: They're back! Set for October 29, 2021. Parents, please only sign up to be in person for one class party per year. Masks are required.
 - 1. No costumes allowed.
 - 2. Please send pre-packaged foods only. Reach out to teachers or room parents regarding any allergies in the classroom.
- c. The info on Gift Crowds will be sent in November, which will be put toward holiday gifts for teachers or school staff.
- d. Holiday parties will be on December 17. Currently, the plan is for the holiday parties is for the same rules on the Halloween party to apply.