

August 29th

Meet was called to order at 7:02pm by Madison PTSA President Regan Morgan.

In attendance: Jessie Dear, Lisa Bandit, Steven Bandit, Rene Newman, Mel Keppel, Chris Torregrossa, Joelle Shen, Jawad Ahmed, Melissa Okpokwasili, Pascale Centola, Alyssa Lehman, Sandy Walls, Kelly Yazdani, Laurie Fraser, Megan Miller, Christina Mundy, Sarah Lundquist, Ginger Percy, Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Catherine Williams, Julie Anne Mutersbaugh, Irina Smirnoff, Nicole Murray, Malini Iyer, Reagan Morgan, Beth Eachus, Tina Mally, Angela Sorrell, Loginn Kapitan, Nina Somerville, Angie Gutenson, Jen Moseley, Kara Reynolds, Tim Buckley, Liz Calvert, Shana Shakeel

Vice President Beth Eachus asked if there were any edits or changes needed for the June minutes. There were none. Jen Moseley moved the the minutes be approved as presented. Angela Sorrell seconded. Regan Morgan asked for a vote. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.

Principal Liz Calvert shared that she believes Madison is the best school with wonderful students, staff and community and she is grateful to serve as Principal. Principal Calvert also shared that there was a great turnout at Back to School Night. She provided an update on MadWings and communicated that the students would access lessons through advisory. She also shared that the Belonging Work initiative and welcomed parents to get involved in this outreach effort. Principal Calvert also said that a presentation on grading would be shared at BTSN and in advisory for students,

Director of Student Services Tim Buckley stated that the 2023-2024 school year has launched successfully. Madison currently has 2102 students (down 25-30 from last year). The Freshmen class had an enrollment of 497 in June but started the school year with 535. Mr Buckley also shared that counselors were working to adjust schedules if critical but classes are full so changes are difficult. Still, since spring 2023, there had been 513 schedule change requests and student services were able to change 90% of those students' schedules.

Mr Buckley also shared that October 11th is PSAT/SAT day. The SAT is free for seniors and sign up is through school, not College Board. September 6th is deadline for SAT registration. Sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT. The PSAT is digital so all sophomores and juniors will need to use a FCPS device. The school staff will be supporting the administration of these tests for our tenth through twelfth grade students. Therefore, on Wednesday October 11, 2023, most ninth grade students will have an unscheduled school day. Freshmen students are encouraged to complete any missing work or assignments.

Mr Buckley also shared that there is now a salad bar line in cafeteria for students and staff.

Principal Calvert is in the process of identifying a new faculty representative candidate. She thanked the PTSA on behalf of the staff and administration for the Welcome Back Breakfast and dinner on Back to School Night.

SGA Junior President Joelle Shen shared that the students are excited about the Madison County Fair on Thursday. The price is \$10 per student and \$5 per parent. She encouraged everyone to attend - all pyramid schools and the community are invited.

PTSA Treasurer Kara Reynolds presented the results of the annual Financial Review. Everything was in order. The financials were accounted for correctly. One recommendation was that the PTSA should change passwords on a regular basis. President Regan Morgan asked for a motion that financial review be accepted. Catherine Williams made a motion for

the financial review to be accepted by the PTSA membership. Beth Eachus seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the Madison PTSA 2022-2023 Financial Review will be submitted to the Virginia PTA.

President Regan Morgan introduced herself and thanked everyone for being in attendance at our first PTSA meeting of the year. She said that she was excited for the upcoming year and to serve as President. Regan also shared that we were doing well with Membership but encouraged everyone to please join if they have not done so.

President Regan Morgan, Vice President Beth Eachus and Treasurer Kara Reynolds presented the budget for 2023-2024. It was noted that the PTSA supported a number of school needs including arts programming, science lab equipment and staff development at the end of last year and had intentionally spent down the reserves as the PTSA is a non profit. As part of that process, it was proposed to reallocate All Night Grad reserves to cover senior only activities and expenses in the general funds budget. After discussion, Angela Sorrell made a motion that the PTSA approve the budget as presented. Chris Torregrossa seconded the motion. The motion passed and the budget was approved.

Vice President Beth Eachus shared All Night Grad Chair Jennifer Hallworth's report in her absence. She read "All-Night Grad is a party for Madison's newest graduates on the night of graduation. The kids party at the Vienna Community Center from 11pm to 5am. We keep them engaged and busy all night with a casino (cash prizes), inflatable obstacle course, open basketball, photo booth, games, DJ, palm reader, quiet area, food (SO. MUCH. FOOD) and loads of prizes, including ipads, watches, gift cards. As you can imagine, it takes a village to put on an event like this. But that village is strong. And fun! We are looking for parents to join our committee - meetings are once a month, NEVER OVER AN HOUR. Tasks are manageable (if you choose to do one) and do not all require you to be up all night. All parents are welcome, and if you say "I don't have a senior", please consider that joining now will allow you to make it even better by the time your child is graduating! Come join us! email me at jmhsang@gmail.com to get your name added to the distribution list. I promise you won't regret being a part of this!"

Staff Appreciation Chair Angie Gutenson shared that they hosted two events in August - the Welcome Back Breakfast and the Back to School Night Dinner. She stated that Anita's did a wonderful job with the breakfast and The Sandwich Shop made wonderful boxed sandwiches for the teachers on BTSN. She thanks the community for donating and the volunteers for their time. The next staff appreciation event is Smoothies in October. Sign up geniuses to donate time and items will be shared. She thanked her committee leads Nina Somerville and Michelle Fraser.

DECA chair Angie Gutenson explained the program is a student marketing and business group that competes. The students compete locally as well as travel. DECA is looking for judges. She said to contact her if interested or to learn more.

Academic Boosters Chair and Vice President Chair Angela Sorrell shared that mock testing for ACT is scheduled for September. It is an opportunity for students to see how they do and what they may need to study. All students receive an individualized report and consultation. The cost is \$20 and all proceeds support the PTSA.

Madison Pantry Community Lead and Vice President Beth Eachus thanked the Madison community for their support of the Pantry. She also thanked community partners Cease Hunger and Vienna Presbyterian Church for their continuous support. The Madison Pantry provides food, hygiene items and clothing to our students in need and their families. Through the tremendous support of the community, we were able to provide food throughout the

summer. The Madison Pantry also provided school supplies and backpacks to start the school year for students as needed.

Band liaison Catherine Williams shared that our State Champion Madison Band was working on their new program, A Light will Lead You and will be competing this fall and performing at half time.

Mad Drama liaison Sarah Lundquist thanked the PTSA for its generous support. She also announced that the fall musical Deadwood Dick or A Game of Gold would be performed on Nov 9, 10 & 11. She included an overview of the play: "In the Old Western world of heroes, of black-hearted gamblers, and of the never-ending "Game of Gold," an American Robin Hood of the Dakota Black Hills named Deadwood Dick leads the way in a blood and thunder melodrama with long-lost daughters, stolen gold mines, kidnapped heroines and hairbreadth escapes!" She also shared that the spring play would be Pippin and would be performed on May 1, 2 & 4. Sarah also shared the following summary "With an infectiously unforgettable score, Pippin is the story of one young man's journey to be extraordinary. This updated circus-inspired version of Pippin continues to captivate and appeal to the young at heart throughout the world. In the end, Pippin finds that happiness lies not in extraordinary endeavors, but rather in the unextraordinary moments that happen every day."

Choir liaison Pascale Centola shared that choir's spring trip would be to Nashville. She also shared that Madrigals would be performing at the Pep Rally and Homecoming. Mad Music Day and concert would be held on October 17th. No pie fundraiser this year but choir was hosting an arm chair fundraiser. The Snowman performance will be held on December 9th this year.

Orchestra liaison Elizabeth Terry-Humen shared that Orchestra would be traveling to Charleston this year to perform as part of their spring trip (not with choir this year) and also would be hosting an arm chair fundraiser instead of pie sales.

Regan Morgan shared on behalf of our webmaster Jennifer O'Beirne that if there were questions or concerns or additional content to be added to the PTSA website, please contact Jennifer.

President Regan Morgan shared that the next PTSA meeting will be held on October 10th.

With no new business, President Regan Morgan thanked the attendees and adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

