

PACT

MGMS
PARENTS AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Oct. 16, 2023
7pm MGMS Media Center

Attendees (in person): Karmyn Nelson, Patrick Smith, Kendra Grand, Bonnie Sheridan, Randy Michaels (staff), Christine Karki, Angel Becker, Kellee Negussie, (**on line**) Melissa Engle (staff), Stacy Salo, Kaia Paquin (staff), Andrea Dorn (staff), Tara McLeod, Ashlee Bennett, Deb Otto, Megan Woods, Maria Chaplin, Randi Michels

PACT - who are we & what we do:

Middle school PTO - We lead and support initiatives that focus on the following areas:

1. Promote Purpose & Positive Change (i.e. Tell Me About It career exploration program)
2. Promote a Learning Environment that Celebrates Diversity and Inclusion (i.e. Celebrate Culture initiative, World Cafe)
3. Promote Effective Communication between Administration and School Families (i.e. Consistent, frequent reminders of where to find communication)
4. Engage our School Community (i.e. Student leadership focus also resulting in increased parent engagement)
5. Fund Capital Improvement & Staff Development Needs (i.e. Ad Hoc Fundraising for Events, Staff Appreciation, Picnic Tables)

Principal Update

Phase 2 of bond levy - every school in district will be impacted by passage or non-passage; hoping for passage. Every media center, classroom furniture, outdoor classrooms (hands on), safety & security- add cameras, door locks, etc. Approx. \$7 monthly tax impact for \$300,000 home. Early voting has begun- you can early vote at Brooklyn Park City Hall; voting day is Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Students doing great, faculty/staff feel "back to normal"

Student leadership groups - large # of students who signed up for student council overlap with other leadership groups, so students being asked to choose 1 leadership group to avoid student council getting too large. Student council & Fuel Up have fall, 6th grade onboarding, WEB will be spring for rising 7th & 8th grade onboarding. Students can switch if they choose (for ex: 6th grader in student council can apply for WEB in the spring).

Target Services- upcoming extracurricular groups will be popping up after MEA - currently Robotics club (45+ members), fall play/drama group.

- Could we have a Google Doc with all groups listed & post the link on the website so students/parents can check out all opportunities?

PACT Priorities for the Year

Support and fund:

- Student leadership and school culture
 - 3 leadership groups
 - Fuel Up, WEB, Student Council
 - Create social & service events for MGMS community
 - Fall - Fuel Up social event, WEB service project
 - Winter - Student Council social event, Fuel Up service project
 - Spring - WEB social event, Student Council service project
- Staff appreciation and support
- Special projects (i.e. cultural displays, etc.)

General Budget Recommendation

Current Balance: \$11,491, owe conference dinner \$\$ so will go down to approx \$10,000

General annual spending:

- School events - \$10,000
- Staff & school requests - \$3000
- Staff appreciation - \$5000
- Special projects - TBD

Event/Activity Updates

- Ninjas United event went very smoothly. Approx 130 students attended; capacity for more. Due to the split time (90 minutes/group) we informed kids they could come in early/stay late due to room. NU staff incredible, outdoor activities were great, participants seemed to really enjoy. Very successful first event! Bravo Kendra for leading it this year!! All the groundwork is in place for future events with NU - this is an easily accessible event for a parent to take over for the future. (Kendra took great notes to pass along!)
- Conference dinners - Individual meals from Zupas served to 94 staff; staff very appreciative
- Book Fair - successful during conferences; overall location wasn't great - used the only open room that could be locked each night. In the past, we had it out front in the atrium which was less safe. Location is crucial. Advisory classes came down but not a ton of participation. Andrea worked it mostly all on her own, she could use help for the winter book fair. Signage help directing people which room to go to.
- Fundraiser Check-in - Emails, Schoology, Mustang Memos, teacher announcements, etc. ALL help bring in donations BIG TIME! Update (not final yet): \$19,523 - already collected, \$3600 invoiced (some of which may not come in), \$2000 company match (which will take a while to come in) but we made/surpassed our \$20,000 goal! However, participation rate lower than expected/hoped.

- Staff Karaoke - Wednesday at lunch
- Ideally by the end of next week - staff dress up day
- Pie-in-Face - week of Halloween

Future ideas - include students in dress up day (pajama day, Disney character day, etc.) so students get to participate in reward

Fundraising Requests

At last month's meeting we had approved \$1200 for the Ninjas United event. The PACT Board decided we needed to add an hour to the event (making it 3 hrs. vs. the proposed 2 hours) to ensure safety/proper capacity so approved additional \$250 for a total of \$1450 to NU.

- Halloween Decor - for student council sponsored photo booth station. Angel moves to fund up to \$150 for decorations, Kendra seconds. No discussion. **Ayes carry; motion passes.**
- Chess games - 6th grade students organically started playing chess during lunch & many more have joined. Andrea Dorn needed more boards to include all interested students & purchased 8 additional boards. Angel moves to reimburse Andrea \$87.12; Bonnie seconded. Discussion: this is pretty awesome! **Ayes carry; motion passes.**

Volunteer Needs

- Fall Service Event - Web Leaders
- Winter Social Event - Student Council
- Winter Service Event - Fuel Up
- Bookfair
- Spring Social Event - Web Leaders
- Spring Service Event - Student Council
- 8th Grade Celebration
- Staff Appreciation

Staff will assist/act as liaison- i.e. Mr. Smith was staff liaison for the Ninja United event.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023 - Virtual Only; link is on Facebook, in Mustang Memo &/or on the website

Meeting adjourned 8:04pm.