



Nov. 13, 2023

7pm Virtual

Attendees (on line): Bonnie Sheridan, Chris Karki, Patrick Smith (staff), Randi Michels (staff), Jennifer McConnell, Angel Becker, Jen Edin, Deb Otto, Maria Chapellin, Melissa Engle (staff)

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

Food drive kicked off today! This is the fall service project with WEB leaders, Beauty and the Feast, helping CEAP- Community Emergency Assistance Program- based out of Brooklyn Park. Runs today through 11/30. Non perishable food items will be brought in starting 11/14; students bring to advisory; CEAP will pick up throughout the run of the project.

Incentives for fall fundraiser - pie in principals' faces & 3 advisory classes had their parties to celebrate top participating advisory in each grade occurred last week; still working on staff music video.

Phase 2 of bond levy passed. Timeline is still undetermined but Dr. Heil is working on it and it will be transparent with a landing page on the website. Significant work done on every site in the district.

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.)

Event/Activity Updates

Opportunities for adults/parents/caregivers to co-lead upcoming events. All events have a staff member assisting & most have at least one parent/caregiver co-lead but **we need more help** with:

- fall service food drive (11/13-11/30) with WEB, Jason Olson (staff) & Laura Muhlstein (co-chair)
 - winter social event with student council, Holly Rodahl & Alison Ackerman (staff), Tara McLeod (co-chair). Jen Edin volunteered to help but not co-chair.
 - winter service event with Fuel Up with Patrick (staff) & Debbie (co-chair). Jen Edin volunteered to help but not co-chair.
 - spring social event with WEB, Jason Olson (staff), Antonette (co-chair)
 - spring service event with student council, Holly Rodahl & Alison Ackerman (staff) & Angel Becker (co-chair)
 - end of year celebration with Andrea Dorn (staff), Maria Chapellin & Karmyn Nelson (co-chairs)
 - Book Fairs! Andrea Dorn is the staff contact but we do not have any parent leads for this - any/all help is appreciated
 - LOOKING AHEAD we need parent co-chairs for next fall's Fuel Up social event. Kendra has excellent notes from this year & Patrick will assist as administrator liaison
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- Question for future- spring social event: what was the budget for game night in years past? Typically students paid an admission fee but we want to be sure we budget/approve enough.

- Would love to have leadership groups report back to PACT on how event went- how they spent the money, what went well, what to change for the future.
- For service events, have a representative from the organizations we work with (i.e. CEAP, etc.) come in to speak with the student leadership groups and explain how the donations will be used, how many people are served by org, etc.
- A question was raised regarding post-pandemic field trips. Can we get an update in January on interest level and possibilities moving forward? Patrick will work to get a history of field trips pre-pandemic and what the interest is for the future.

Annual Fundraiser

Raised \$25,134

Incentives were a fun way for students & staff to let loose - in the future we'll incorporate more student-centric incentives

Need new parent/caregiver leads for next year

General Budget Recommendation

Current Balance: \$11,491, owe conference dinner \$1500

General annual spending: \$23,450

- School events - \$10,500
- Staff appreciation - \$5700
- Special projects - estimating \$6750
 - estimating 15 requests at \$250 each - \$3750
 - PBIS prizes - \$500
 - misc other projects - \$2500
- Admin fees - \$500

Angel suggests doubling PBIS prize amount to see more students rewarded with that; Patrick included that staff can work at giving more tickets out as well. Patrick confirmed they are getting donations from parents for PBIS as well.

Jennifer suggested bringing back donut day, which is essentially no cost since students pay \$1-\$2/donut.

Fundraising Requests from board

- Fall service event \$500 - Deb seconded. Money would be used for promotions and/or collection; may not need to use much of it but good to have if necessary. **No nays, Ayes carry, motion passes.**
- Winter social event \$1,500 - Jen motioned to approve, Jennifer seconded. Money could be used for DJ, food, decorations. **No nays, ayes carry, motion passes.**
- Winter service event \$500 - Angel motioned to approve. Angel thinks we need to

remain consistent across the board re: service events. **Motion amended to \$500 for each of the service events. No nays, ayes carry. Amended motion passes.**

- PBIS store \$500 - Patrick thinks \$500 is enough for now but is open to coming back to ask for more in the future if necessary. Jen motioned, several seconded. **Ayes carry, no nays. Motion passes.**
- Staff appreciation winter conference meals \$1,500 - Typically boxed individual meals, possibility to do pot luck or buffet to be more cost efficient if necessary. Jennifer motioned, Maria seconded. **No nays, ayes carry. Motion passes.**
- Student Support Time - consideration of Partial Funding (up to \$1,500 total cost) - Jason was unable to attend meeting; Patrick suggests pushing this off until January. School can fund and can come back to PACT asking for partial reimbursement in the future.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2024 - Virtual Only; link is on Facebook, in Mustang Memo &/or on the website

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.