



Jan. 22, 2024
7pm Virtual

Attendees (on line): Bonnie Sheridan, Chris Karki, Karmyn Nelson, Kendra Grand, Patrick Smith (staff), Melissa Engle (staff), Michelle Rosenau (Peoples Inc.), Randi Michels (staff), Tatyana Swanson (student), Angel Becker, Andrea Dorn, Laura Zimmerman, Megan Woods, Elizabeth Albrect (staff), Richard Becker, Samuel Bostrom (staff), Tara McLeod, Emsely Hult (student), Holly Rodahl (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

Registration for 2024-25 well underway - working on this over the next week or so for middle school students & rising 9th graders. Any questions? Talk to grade level counselor &/or advisory teacher.

New: AVID will be offered in 6th grade starting next year; every student will participate for 1 trimester. Will continue to offer AVID elective classes for 7th & 8th grade.

Student Leadership Groups: We have a lot to learn as we grow our student leadership opportunities. In the past we've done 1-3 events/year; this year we're doing 8 - it's a big leap & we're laying the foundation for future years. We're learning as we go; baseline will be set for next year. Student teams need to think through what service learning looks like, learn from this year's projects as to how to best work these in the future.

Michelle from People's Inc.: People's Inc is a mental health company working with MGMS & other school districts to help make mental health therapy more accessible.

Based in the school- offers first hand communication with teachers, etc. as necessary. Do need guardian approval. Sessions typically held weekly. Work with students/families to find least problematic time to meet. Insurance based. If families aren't insured, there's a sliding scale fee. Can call or email Michelle with questions:
Michelle.Rosenau@peopleincorporated.org; Office: 763-315-7643 Cell: 612-655-0237

From Michelle: "Learning more/referrals for People Incorporated can be done by 1) contacting your student's grade level counselor, 2) reaching Michelle Rosenau (above) or 3) calling our centralized intake number at 651-774-0011 if you know you are ready to move forward"

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.)

Student/Event Updates - Emsley Hult & Tatyana Swanson (WEB, 7th grade)

How WEB students helped with the Food Drive:

- Brainstormed ideas
- Made posters
- Spread the word

360 pounds of food, \$200 - enough to provide over 1000 meals

Nov. 20 & 12/1 pick up dates

For next year:

- Spread the word better: more posters, more announcements, talk to teachers, go to advisory classes & presenting in person

Holly Rohdahl - student council staff lead

- Fun Days - Feb. 7-9
 - During 6th & 7th hour
 - Gym, pool, auditorium, media center, 4-5 classrooms available
 - Open gym, talent show, nap room, crafts, movies, chill & chat room, board games, video/computer games, ping pong tourney, swimming, room to help with work

Details finalized over next 2 weeks

Candygrams sold Feb. 5-9, delivery Feb. 14 during advisory

Question - What happened to the idea of a dance? How much are the students actually involved?

Back in Nov. student body completed a Google form, majority of students wanted to see “fun days” vs. a dance; student council brainstormed ideas for fun day and dance wasn’t one of the suggestions; students are leading/contributing with ideas. It’s occurring during the school day to be all-inclusive; no barrier for all student participation and many staff are able to supervise. As for student involvement, we’re learning from this year- how to get more students involved in more aspects, timing of everything. We’ll continue to grow opportunities for students to be leaders. Yes, we want the students to take more ownership over these events but for the time being, a lot will be adult-led.

Volunteer Needs

Originally we asked for parent “chairs” but we really need parent “partners” to work with student leadership group students & their staff lead. All Parent Partners have been set for the student leadership group events this year however more parent help will be needed. Look for emails or requests for parent volunteers to help with each event in the Mustang Memo. Andrea would like a Parent Partner for the bookfair.

Need board members for next year. Positions of President and a Communications Coordinator will be open; Karmyn & Kendra will be available for help and guidance.

Budget

Current balance at \$35,081.79

Board motions (second not needed) to approve budget proposed at Nov. meeting where several line items (specifically costs for Nov.-Jan.) were approved.

Questions/discussion?

- By laws question - can we approve \$3750 for “special requests”? Estimating \$250/request, but not requiring a request above \$250 to bring to full PACT, board could approve. Yes, but board will likely continue to bring larger requests (>\$250) to full PACT.

Board moves to approve the budget. All ayes, no nays. **Proposed budget carries unanimously.**

New reimbursement form- please use going forward & attach receipts into ONE pdf; send to PACT treasurer email: mgmspacttreasurer@gmail.com

Fundraising Requests

Celebrating Cultures display - \$3000, includes installation

Acrylic mounts; plan to expand. Outside cafeteria, main office area on blank wall

Starting with Indigenous Peoples display; original quote \$4200. Student spotlight, staff spotlight, articles of clothing, famous people.

Question - Does it change out? Yes, it’s fluid. For example, student spotlights can be changed/rotated.

All ayes, no nays. **Motion carries unanimously.**

FYI- Board approved beverages for staff meal- \$250 approved, CSI science class activity \$37 approved

Student Support Time software - consideration of Partial Funding (up to \$1,500 total cost) - The software was purchased with building funds and coming back to PACT asking for partial reimbursement offset. Trial with 6th grade last week went fairly well. Create classes for students to sign up for, i.e. Friday Fun during advisory, can create "cap". Good feedback from teachers. Question: Are you looking for an "offset" every year? Not sure. Once we have a better grasp of how committed we are to using this software we'll have a better idea.

Karmyn suggests tabling this until next month hoping we better understand how the software works.

Robotics: District won't cover cost for robots (\$500/team; MGMS has 5 teams, 6-8 kids per team). Approx. \$1500 in grants have been granted to the club already, approx \$1099 still needed. MGHS Boosters gave MGMS money to cover those robots with the intent to be paid back in February & March

- Robots will be used every year forward; will not need to be purchased again.
- PACT has paid out \$735 in "special projects" thus far, we have over \$2000 left.
- Question: This is an extracurricular activity, does this project fit within projects we can fund? Yes.
- Applied for a 279 grant & should know by the PACT Feb. meeting; could we table this to wait & see what is needed in Feb.?

Angel moves PACT cover up to \$1100, whatever is remaining after the 279 grant application is responded to. Andrea seconds. All ayes, no nays. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Next Meeting: Monday, February 26, 2024 - Virtual Only; link is on Facebook, in Mustang Memo &/or on the website

Angel motioned to adjourn, Tara seconds.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.