



**Feb. 26, 2024
7pm Virtual**

Attendees (on line): Bonnie Sheridan, Chris Karki, Kendra Grand, Patrick Smith (staff), Holly Rodahl (staff), Kendra Lund (student), Antonette Jerrick, Paisley Thompson (student), Andrea Dorn, Angel Becker, Tara McCleod, Linda Tripp

Principal Update

End of trimester two coming soon; next friday report card marking day/no school for students

40 more students projected for next year, staffing should remain pretty stable for the most part

MCA testing coming up in a little over a month (April)

Hygiene kit project coming up! (more below)

Update on field trip possibilities: Staff is interested, we need to figure out logistics now that MGMS no longer operates as “teams”; field trips would have an impact on class schedules. Also, might be difficult finding places that accept ~550 students at a time. Do we start looking at internal field trips- bringing opportunities into MGMS?

- Andrea mentioned MN History Center - previous 6th grade field trip was a big hit, might be a good one to start with
- Kendra & Paisley (students) mentioned that they’ve not been on field trips since 3rd grade due to COVID so *any* field trip would be fun, especially getting away from school
- Mr. Smith supports off site field trips & encourages all to continue exploring possibilities

Frames for the Celebrating Cultures display getting installed next Friday.

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)

Fund Capital Improvement & Staff Development Needs (i.e. Ad Hoc Fundraising for Events, Staff Appreciation, Picnic Tables)

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 - Kendra & Paisley (Fuel Up students)

Upcoming Hygiene Drive

- Asking for travel size items donated: shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant (regular size)
- Goal of 1000 kits packed for CROSS in Rogers- 8000 products needed
- Accepting donations March 11-15 - bring to advisory.
 - Each grade Advisory that collects the most items wins reward
 - If goal is reached, school reward TBD
 - Can ask doctors, dentists to donate items to student or school
 - Money will also be accepted & used to purchase items for the kits
 - If donation goal is exceeded, more kits will be made
 - Funding request to approve \$250 extra if donation goal is *not* met & more items need to be purchased

Holly Rohdahl - student council staff lead + video from students

- Student video reviewing Fun Days - Feb. 7-9
 - For next year- Movies should be picked by students council, not staff; more time to pick rooms - 7th grade had 1 day, 6th & 8th had 2 days, for future maybe a week or so to hear what the options are & discuss with friends which activities to do
 - Kendra- pool - very fun time, not overly crowded
 - Paisley- auditorium - a bit disorganized and a lot of talking so difficult to hear the movie

- Angel- for future, can timing be considered? If possible, teachers consider curriculum & ensure students don't lose needed classroom time
- Candygrams- 1700 sold, \$1200 raised- funds used for prizes for contest winners & future candygram costs

Volunteer Needs

We would like a chair in place this spring for the fall 2024 Fuel Up event - Kendra will provide notes from her experience this year.

Parent/Caregiver partner needed for Fuel Up Hygiene Kit Event:

March 15- 12:30-2:30- Supervise/assist counting and organizing donations

March 19- 1:00-3:00- Supervise/assist setting up packing event

March 19- 3:30-5:00- Supervise/assist cleaning up & carrying items to CROSS truck

Contact Patrick Smith: SmithPatrick@District279.org

Bookfair - May 6-10 - need a parent/caregiver partner with Andrea

Fall fundraiser - October 2024 - need parent/caregiver chair for this

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

Budget

Current balance - \$34,307.25

Thus far, we have approved \$4810.99 for special requests; \$6750 was budgeted - we have some flexibility for spending

Robotics team was fully funded through a district grant so they do not need funding from PACT

Fuel Up hygiene kit service event: suggested "safety net" approving additional \$250 if donations are below expectation. This allows room for the Board to approve an additional \$250 as well if necessary. Angel moves to approve additional \$250 for Fuel Up to use in the case that donation goal is not met, Bonnie seconded. All ayes, no nays.

Motion passes unanimously.

Life Guard fees were the only expense for student council social event (Fun Days).

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

Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2024 - Virtual Only; link is on Facebook, in Mustang Memo &/or on the website. We'd love to be able to vote in board members for next year at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm