



**April 15, 2024
7pm Virtual**

Attendees (on line): Bonnie Sheridan, Chris Karki, Kendra Grand, Karmyn Nelson, Patrick Smith (staff), Melissa Engle (staff), Matt Willis, Tara McLeod, Andrea Dorn (staff)

Principal Update

MCAs - first round (reading) completed last week; math starts tomorrow. Advisory is extended. 8th grade will complete Science test as well.

Completed first round of staffing- posted for internal candidates only. Filled FT Psychologist position, hired a 7th/8th grade math teacher. Openings: first presented to involuntary transfers within the district, then moved to round two - posted for any/all eligible candidates- openings: 1 math, 2 English & 1 PE. The school is in a stable position re: staffing.

Celebrating Culture displays: mounted, now seeking content- working with Indigenous student population to design some content. Goal is to have it done by the time school lets out but want the content to be quality & intentional. The school has capital money so we may be able to mount additional displays sooner than expected.

Conferences - final round on May 2; building open to incoming 6th graders as well- informal way for students & parents to explore building. Short presentation by Mr. Smith at 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00 for 6th graders. Potential ice cream social event as well. PACT would like to have a table at this - Board will discuss details.

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 -

Upcoming:

Service event (student council) - Laura Muelstein heading up, working with Patrick

- Kindness cards for senior citizens

Social event (WEB) - ice cream social - no parent as of yet

- Patrick will order prepackaged ice cream treats through kitchen similar to how it's done for 6th grade orientation
 - We need to understand cost of ice cream to assess budget & if there's room for extra "fun" items - inflatables, yard games, etc. Patrick & Karmyn will work on figuring this out offline
- WEB leaders will be present, assist with handing out

Update on Hygiene Drive

- Over 1000 kits were packed, exceeded goal; donated several additional items - hand sanitizer was the item that was the most needed/least donated- 700-800 were donated
- 3-4 classes/grade level will be rewarded for collecting most items - most picked smoothie party

Volunteer Needs

NEEDED yet this spring:

Staff appreciation May 7-10, watch for Sign-Up Genius

Bookfair May 2-10, watch for Sign-Up Genius

NEEDED for fall 2024:

Parent chair for fall social event at Ninjas United - Kendra will provide notes from her experience this year

Parent chair for fall fundraiser, Oct. 2024

Vote on New Board Members

We need to officially elect Chris back in as Secretary & Andrea as staff member, as well as Matt for incoming Communications Coordinator

Matt has an incoming 6th grader from Oak View. He's interested in the role with PACT due to being involved with his daughters' girl scouts as troupe leader. It's a great way to get to know the school & parents.

Tara asked to clarify if this was a one year position - yes. One year positions. All voted in favor, none opposed. **All 3 members voted in.**

Tara asked if remaining open position could be filled with incoming 6th grader parents - yes, definitely for treasurer. President might be better filled by someone with middle school PACT experience, however if they're experienced with elementary PTO they might be a good fit for PACT president. It was suggested that we post these positions on Facebook in each elementary PTO group pages and in the incoming 6th grader groups.

Reflections on This Year & Next

Progress to celebrate:

- Full PACT board
- More organized PACT financials
- Defined priorities
- Solid work towards this year's priorities
 - Strong fundraiser
 - Six events with student group involvement
 - Generous staff appreciation
 - Cultural Display UP

Continue Progress Next Year

- Transition PACT board smoothly
- Continue to work towards engaging student voices and building more robust student leadership
 - Possible idea for future opportunity: WEB leaders working with Tell Me About It program &/or other school visitors to escort them to the rooms they visit, introduce them, etc.
- Plan in advance

Budget

Current balance - \$33,361.48

Hygiene kits - initially allocated \$500, approved to go over & total was \$621. Student Council social event was budget \$1500 but spent only \$216, so way under budget. Overall, we have about \$3500 extra - money that was approved to spend but was not spent. So, if money is needed for smoothie parties for Advisories that donated the most for the hygiene kits, we have it.

Staff Appreciation Week - the cost for this is in addition to the conference dinner (budgeted at \$1500). Last year there was something different each day - coffee cart, a snack & a beverage/teacher, Fox & the Pantry, etc. Parents brought in additional donations for this event.

- Concern that we don't have a Venmo option for this year. Question about how PayPal could work for parents to donate if they don't have a PayPal account. Tara & Karmyn will explore this.
- Do donations have to go through the official account? Bonnie: In short, yes. Considering tax laws, not comfortable using anything outside of PayPal

8th grade celebration - Plan is to collect \$5 from each student for meal, PACT will cover gift (in previous years we have collected \$10/student). 527 current 8th graders.

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

Funding Requests:

Karmyn makes motion: Allow the board and staff leaders to overspend on some line items while underspending on other line items as long as we don't exceed \$10,500- the previously approved amount for all social and service events for the year. Bonnie seconded.

- Tara asked if we could include teacher appreciation in this as well, Bonnie responded that it was previously decided that a certain percentage of our budget was approved to go toward staff appreciation; increasing the amount would exceed that percentage.

All approved, no nays. **Motion passes.**

Board approved small amount (\$20-\$30) for Julie to get a book.

Next Meeting: In person with virtual option. Monday, May 20, 2024 - link is on Facebook, in Mustang Memo &/or on the website.

Tara moved to adjourn at 8:10, Kendra seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:10pm.