



**May 20, 2024**

**7pm In Person (MGMS media center) & Virtual**

**Attendees (in person):** Bonnie Sheridan, Chris Karki, Kendra Grand, Karmyn Nelson, Patrick Smith (staff), Chris Tomshine, **(on line):** Melissa Engle (staff), Andrea Dorn (staff), Christine Hansen, Maria Chapellin, Tara McLeod, Angel Becker

**FYI: PACT Quorum**

Minimum of 4 aside from the executive board

**Principal Update**

Bond Levy update: MGMS on schedule for 2026. This summer we'll be getting a new cafeteria floor & new auditorium seating - from LTFM dollars. Additional handicap accessible seating + partner seating up top with elevator access.

Communication went out to staff for 8th Grade Celebration. 12:18-end of day.

Kindness Cards - over 1000 written over last week. Student Council read through every card - this week they'll be put in envelopes & delivered. MG hospital, police, fire, CROSS, and a retirement home.

Student leadership applications (Fuel Up, Student Council, WEB) available soon for current students & in the fall for 6th graders. Students will state which leadership group(s) they're interested in, ranking first choice through third, & the application will clearly state student can only be involved in one group. Student council will likely still be held before or after school due to teacher advisor (can't meet during the day). It would be helpful for students to see dates/times/commitments before applying.

For next year - staff on student leadership committee will also be on PACT committee & attend PACT meetings.

**PACT Priorities for the Year**

Support and fund:

- Student leadership and positive school culture & engagement
  - 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.)

### **Volunteer Needs**

Still looking for President of the PACT board

Angel asked if we've approached elementary PTO leadership - yes. Those spoken to are interested in attending PACT meetings but hesitant to take on leadership role for something they've yet to experience or attend.

NEEDED for fall 2024:

Angel Becker will co-chair fall fundraiser with another parent (NEEDED), Oct. 2024

### **Vote on New Board Members**

Chris Tomshine - currently CFO with Touchstone Mental Health based in Minneapolis. Spent the last 24 years in the nonprofit side of things. Spent 11 years at a local technical college. Currently has an 8th grader at MGMS.

Tara asked if bylaws (article 5, section 4) support him being voted in if he doesn't/won't have a student currently at the school - "member in good standing". Article 4 clarifies who a member is: anyone with a student enrolled. As of today, 5/20/24, Chris has a student enrolled so he is therefore a member.

Amendments to suggest for October 2024 -

- Allow for untitled, at large member of the board
- Clarify "member in good standing" to account for parents who have previously had students enrolled/outgoing MGMS student - bylaws already include parents of incoming students
- Rename PACT to PTO or clarify name somehow
- Align board member commitment dates with fiscal year

Motion on behalf of current board to accept Chris Tomshine as our PACT Treasurer for 2024-2025 school year (second not needed); all voted in favor, hearing no nays **the motion passes unanimously.**

### **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
  - Five events with student group involvement
  - Generous staff appreciation (this spring was "The best we have had in 9 years. Last week was amazing! We felt very appreciated!")

- Cultural Display UP

#### Continue Progress Next Year

- Transition PACT board smoothly
- Continue to work towards engaging student voices and building more robust student leadership
  - More clearly define & communicate role of student leadership groups
- Plan in advance

#### **Budget**

Current balance - \$28,942.90 but some outstanding expenses so probably closer to \$26,000 or \$27,000

8th Grade Celebration - looking to be on or under budget. Plan is to collect \$5 from each student for meal, PACT will cover gift (in previous years we've collected \$10/student). 527 current 8th graders.

Student leadership - budgeted \$6000 for all 6 events, after kindness card expenses (~\$400) come in we'll still be under budget

Teacher/Staff appreciation & conference meals - \$5700 allocated at beginning of year, \$200 more came in from PayPal so we have \$773 extra

Special Requests - \$6700 allocated at beginning of year, we've approved \$4800 so we still have \$1900

Helpful to have a buffer for the fall 2024 social event which will occur before the fundraiser.

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](mailto:mgmspacttreasurer@gmail.com)

#### **Funding Requests:**

Tara - since \$761.53 under budget for staff appreciation, Tara moves to allocate \$450 for a staff appreciation event for the last week of school. Angel seconded. Hearing no nays, **motion unanimously passes.**

Kendra moved to adjourn at 8:07, Angel/Bonnie seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:07pm.