

November PACT Meeting Minutes

Date: 11.11.24

Time: 7pm

Location: virtual, <https://meet.google.com/bgp-ndvo-fcq>

Facilitator: Yara El-Emam, President

Note-Taker: Chris Karki, Secretary

1. Attendees:

- Bryn Olsen (Comms Coordinator), Yara El-Emam, Chris Karki, Lindsey Sheveland (treasurer), Vicki Roehl, Tara McLeod

2. School Update: Patrick Smith

- Today, for Veteran's Day, several guest speakers in building- mostly in 7th grade social studies
- Year is going well; in a bit of a lull before the end of trimester/Thanksgiving break - winter wear drive started today
- Just completed fall drama - really well done & well supported

4. Budget Update: Lindsey

- We're not seeing updated financials this month due to delay in Lindsey getting access to bank account & treasurer files
 - PayPal balance will be transferred to Wells Fargo (likely 11/12)
 - Budget proposed prior to school year starting was not approved;
 - Social event budget (\$1500/event, 3 total) should be re-evaluated due to "Fun Days" not requiring funding - do we think of this as one pocket of money for 3 events or do we specify each event as its own line item & budget?
 - Tara pointed out that the executive board has ability to approve up to \$250 additional funds per line item, which allows for flexibility within the \$1500/event
 - Patrick suggests keeping social event line items as-is
 - Fall conference meals (\$1200) was approved to change to \$1500 at September meeting. That makes all conference meals \$1500.
 - Movie Night (spring social event) budget - equipment rental, labor, licensing will increase cost to approx \$1600
 - Eliminate specific line items under special requests or other - those are *not* line items, but just an accounting of where \$\$ was spent last year. Roll all of that into one line item: special request

- Additional funding request - choir & theatre department want to put on 3 dances, 1 for each grade; they are looking for PACT to fund ½ the cost for each dance.
 - Levy Jones (administrator) as DJ, \$250/hour - total \$500
 - Jan 16 (7th grade), Feb 21 (8th grade), March 6 (6th grade) as dates
 - Requesting \$750 for 3 events
- Motion to approve annual budget of \$24,475 by Lindsey, Chris seconds, Discussion: Tara confirmed the updated \$1500 for fall conference dinner, line item added: \$750 for school dances. Patrick- cultural displays can keep its own line item, other “special projects” removed as specific line items. Vote: Ayes- all, Nays- none. **Budget passes.**
- Financial info is accessible to public via [Google Folder & link in monthly minutes](#), published to MGMS PACT webpage

5. Event Updates:

- Tell Me About It: Kendra Grand
 - Only for MGMS, created by parents in 2020 - an opportunity for students to learn about possible jobs/careers by people currently in those careers via virtual & in-person meetings. Virtual sessions - 2 consecutive days in advisory- 1 pre-recorded video, 1 “Zoom” Q & A with speaker. In-person during lunch extension & “choice sessions” during 2 consecutive days in advisory
 - Feb. 27-28, 7:45-8:45 - Choice Sessions - need guest speakers for these. Sign up coming out in January
 - Volunteer(s) also needed to help coordinate & communicate with guest speakers (2-3 hours/week in Jan & Feb)
 - Contact Kendra if interested in volunteering: kendragrand356@gmail.com
- Upcoming Events: Yara
 - Winter Wear Drive - NOW- 11/11-11/15 - priority will be giving to MGMS students, then to other schools in the district, then to CROSS in Rogers
 - Volunteers needed for:
 - Fun Days - Jan 29-Jan 31; sign up to go out before winter break
 - Food Drive - 3/10-3/14
 - Kindness Event - March 31-April 4
 - Movie Night - 5/2 - will need 4-5 volunteers
 - 8th Grade Celebration - 6/6, 12:18-2:40pm, volunteers will be needed

6. Funding Requests:

- Choir & Theatre requesting \$750 for 3 dances (one/grade) - rolled into annual budget which was approved - see above (budget update)

7. Next Meeting Date:

- Monday, January 13, 2025, 7:00-8:00pm, virtual only - link on the website
- Adjourned at 8:05pm