

Meeting Minutes

Date: 2.24.25

Time: 7:00pm

Location: virtual

Facilitator: Yara

Note-Taker: Chris K

1. Attendees:

- Patrick Smith (staff), Yara El-Emam (board), Chris Karki (board), Tara McLeod, Heather Dehn, Angel Becker, Stacy Salo, Andrea Dorn (board), Anna Winchester

2. Call For Board Members

- Secretary & Communications Coordinator positions open for next year
- PACT email: mgmspact@gmail.com to throw your hat in the ring
- Those currently in the positions will assist with hand-off & training

3. School Update:

- 6th grade Tell Me About It (virtual) was last week - 3 professionals spoke about their careers: actress, Best Buy doing Super Bowl commercials, Patrick forgot the 3rd. Went very well. Great feedback from students and teachers
- 7th & 8th grade Tell Me About It sessions this Thursday & Friday (in person)
- Food Drive communication going out next week - students will bring items in to advisory, Wellness Team will collect donations. Donations benefit CROSS food shelf
- One week left of Tri 2 - things are going well
- District in the process of working through community feedback regarding boundary change options. Look for information about future info sessions on this.
- Angel asked for an update re: behavior issues - a lot of teachers sending emails regarding classroom behavior issues
 - o Patrick says this is largely news to him. He's not hearing from teachers that classes are out of control. He's seeing "normal business as usual" but he's willing to check on specific classes as necessary. Support is in place to assist teachers/classes with management issues.

- Tara asked if there are more fights this year than previous years. Patrick says no.
 - Always an issue with students wanting to get closer to see what's going on when there's a conflict, but this often makes things look like a much bigger deal than it truly is.

4. **Budget Update:**

- Current balance - \$42,544.94
- Please email Lindsey with any outstanding invoices at PACT treasurer email
- Tara asked if we're going to go back to balance sheet reporting. Yara says no. Tara explains that it's easier to see if/where we're over/under budget in balance sheet reporting. Yara explained that yes, Lindsey has it but she thought this way was easier to read in our presentations - perhaps she can post the balance sheet on the website for folks to read more in depth.
 - Was Fun Days a budget line item? Yes. Did we stay within budget? Yes, well under.

5. **By-Law Updates:**

- Vote to waive 14 day notice: Andrea motions. Anna seconded.
 - The by-laws were not publicly available for full 2 weeks (1-day short due to staffing issues getting the updates on the website). Notable changes/updates:
 - Fiscal Year to match school year
 - Who is allowed to be on the bank account
 - Dates for voting on following year's board members

Vote - Ayes: 8 Nays: 1 - Tara opposed due to not seeing the need to "amend the bylaws to amend the bylaws." **Motion passes.**
- Andrea motions to approved bylaws. Stacy seconded. No further discussion. Ayes: 9; Nays: 0. **Updated bylaws pass.**

6. **Event Updates:**

- Fun Days - in the future Holly would like more parent involvement with the planning & volunteering on the 3 days. Would like it "bigger" - more help with cooking/baking, art. The auditorium was chaotic. Perhaps with more sessions it would decrease the number of kids in the auditorium.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Tell Me About it - Feb 27 -28th

- Kindness Event - March 31 - Apr 4th - every advisory gets materials for all students to make one card. They pick a place/people for whom to make cards- senior homes, police departments, etc. Students make cards & write messages of kindness & encouragement. Wellness Team goes through the cards to make sure they're all appropriate then deliver cards
- Food Drive - March 10-14
- Spring Conferences - May 1
- Family Movie Night - May 2nd
- Staff Appreciation Week - May 5-9
- 8th Grade Celebration - June 6
- Volunteer signups for Movie Night & 8th Grade Celebration will be going out, so keep eyes open. Most help will be needed for the event itself, there might be some need for help prepping

7. PACT Facebook Page - like & follow: <https://www.facebook.com/MGMSPACT> for meeting announcements & Google Meets link, photos, calls for volunteers, etc.

8. Next Meeting Date:

- No March Meeting
- April 14, 7pm - Virtual

Meeting adjourned 7:52pm.