

Manheim Central Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

DATE:

09/08/2026

TIME:

7:00PM

FACILITATOR:

MCMS PTO President: Melissa Clingan

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Mr. Pyle, Mrs. Martin, Melissa Clingan, Christy Fisher, Renee Kegarise, Torri Hutter, Heather Denlinger, Jennifer Spohn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were approved at this meeting.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

The 2026-27 school year is off to a great start! We are excited to get to know our new 5th graders and see the returning 6-8 learners continue their path forward. Making Connections is our theme for this school year! We have already seen a lot of positive examples of kids enlarging their "circle" and enjoying opportunities to make new friends.

Some exciting events happening in the days and weeks ahead...

- MS Baron Stage is off and running! We had great attendance at our Baron Stage Interest meeting on Sept. 3rd.
- Band, Orchestra, and Chorus (BOC) has started. I look forward to stepping into their practices and see them prepare for their concerts!
- Our 5th graders will begin preparing for BizTown and our 6th-8th graders will start selecting their LEOs that meet every CD 4.
- 5th-8th graders are enjoying the new Encore schedule and the options that are provided.
- Baron Bucks are being handed out to our learners who are making good choices and demonstrating that they are Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. We look forward to recognizing these learners in our ticket drawings and at our PBIS Reward Day.
- Mr. Tim Kowalski (6th grade ELA), Ms. Hannah Adair (6th grade Math), Mr. Tim Cawley (7-8th Grade ELA), and Ms. Megan Stamm (5-6th Grade Learning Support) have been great additions to the staff of MCMS!
- Best Day Ever! We are looking forward to year two with our PTO fundraiser.

TREASURE'S REPORT

We start the year with a healthy balance after the 2025-2026 fundraiser while also being able to do a lot for the learners and teachers last year. We were able to give each grade some extra funds that they all were able to use towards the end of the school year in addition to approving some grants for two teachers.

Our spending this year so far includes the WEB Leaders lunch and we look forward to hopefully another year of successful fundraising.

As our fundraiser concludes in October we will fine tune our budget for the year but at this time most line items will stay similar to last year

OLD BUSINESS

WEB Leader Lunch

- The PTO provided walking tacos with cheese, sour cream and lettuce as well as watermelon, cookies and lemonade.
- We came in under our \$200 budget

Scholastic Bookfair

- Chair was Jen Heistand with Angel Albring shadowing
- 5th grade orientation ~ 12 shoppers = \$550
- Back to School Night ~\$650
- Scholastic Dollars spent:
 - \$333 for Mr. Baker to get 26 items for vending machine
 - \$246 for Melissa Clingan to get 24 items for PTO prizes
- We did significantly less this year, however we got our fair in so we can have the BOGO which is what's important.
- Winter fair is scheduled for: 11/30/26 to 12/4/26
- Spring BOGO fair is scheduled for: 4/5/26 to 4/9/26

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Clothing Giveaway

- September 28 & 29 prep, September 30, October 1 & 2 Shop
- Amanda Turner leading

- Donation Boxes went out for open house/back to school night.
- Sign up is out, could use some additional volunteers

Best Day Ever - Fundraiser

- September 16th Kick-off assemblies in the balcony:
- 10:17-10:49 - Grade 6, 10:54-11:27 - Grade 5, 12:08-12:40 - Grade 7, 12:40-1:10 - Grade 8
- Mike Donahue will run assembly and just needs a screen.
- September 17th & 18th, big prize hand out days
- October 1st celebration day
- Melissa emailed the interact club
- Last year each grade had about 75 minutes at separate times
- 6th grade - 8:05-9:25; 5th grade - 9:30-10:50; 7th grade 10:55-12:15; 8th grade 12:20-1:40

Fall Fest

- October 23
- Student Council is meeting October 5th and will give us a theme (spoke with Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Rennix)
- Melissa will have a basic flyer ready to go out that week.
- General Review
- 5:30-6:30pm 5th and 6th Grade drop off pick up in district parking lot, 7-8pm 7th and 8th Grade drop off and pick up in front loop

Committee Leads

- Clothing Drive: Amanda Turner
- Scholastic Bookfairs: Jen Heistand (Angel Albring is shadowing)
- Best Day Ever: Melissa, Kerri, Angel, and Ellen
- Fall Fest: Student Council, PTO planning/support/committee
- Teacher Conference Meals: Christine Tedesco (Jennifer Spohn is interested in taking over)
- Movie Night: Student Council, PTO supports with baskets

- Bingo Night: Elizabeth Williams
- Spring Fling: Student Council, PTO planning/support/committee
- Teacher Appreciation Week - Jen Heistand, Barb Rodruan, Casey Davis
- Track Classic 5th & 6th - Volunteers
- 8th Grade Graduation - TBD

• **UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/16 Best Day Ever Kickoff
 9/28-10/2 Clothing Drive
 10/1 Best Day Ever
 10/23 Fall Fest
 11/10 PTO Meeting
 11/30-12/4 Book Fair
 12/4 Movie Night
 1/8 Bingo Night
 2/9 PTO Meeting
 4/5-4/9 Book Fair
 4/13 PTO Meeting
 4/16 Spring Fling
 5/3-5/7 Teacher Appreciation Week
 5/18 6th Grade Track Classic
 5/19 5th Grade Track Classic
 6/3 8th Grade Breakfast

UPCOMING PTO MEETINGS

*Meetings held at 7:00pm
 11/10, 2/9, 4/13