



Mansfeld Magnet PTO Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date: September 10, 2015.

Edward called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Everyone introduced themselves. Edward gave an updated on guitars for Mr. Levario’s class. \$400 came from GoFundMe and purchased 4 guitars from Rainbow Guitars, two guitars were donated (Rainbow Guitars and Kim Kysar), Site Council funded purchase of 10 guitars.

Meeting Minutes:

The August meeting minutes were reviewed. Edward made a motion to accept the minutes, Natalie seconded. Motion passed.

President’s Report:

Treasurers/Budget Report:

Edward reported in Lilian’s absence. Budget was presented. With the parking pre-sold, we have funded our budget for the year. If we do not have additional fundraising, we will be ok on budgeted expenses. Budget was changed to accommodate a beautify Mansfeld line item, and a non-descriptive PTO line item for funding requests that “come up.” Selena is looking at grants that will help with “beautifying Mansfeld.” Edward moved to approve budget, Kimberly seconded. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Vice President for Member Coordination Report:

Selena: Would like to start a PTO newsletter with fundraiser content (like Target card), personalize the newsletter with PTO bios, why we volunteer on PTO. Newsletter would be in English and Spanish. It was suggested the PTO section of the STEM newsletter by Ms. Bittel could be expanded. Also suggested that there be a tie-in with KMMS (student video report). Could coordinate with Ms. Smith, KMMS advisor.

Vice President for Fundraising at Large Report:

List of needs: Curtains in MPR (companies for estimate are: Norcon, Sonora Theatre and McKinney), Electronic Marquee, Ice Machine (\$2K), Modern laminator (\$2K)

Stefanie: Biggest item needed is marquee. Looking at how marquees are funded—usually with sponsorships since there is no capital funding to cover that expense.

Curtains for cafeteria. Could we get refurbished curtains? Mr. Levario knows some people in local theatre. Chris (treasurer from 2013-14) got a quote for \$10,000 for curtains. Next step is to get some to do measurements and start getting quotes so we know the amount to target. Marcus Jones in the district can help.

Fundraiser ideas: Curtain 5k or 1 mile run/walk. Encourage participants to dress up in “grandma’s curtains” to make it a fun event. Low entrance fee would attract runners and local media would cover the event. Challenge: permits to close roads. Restaurants nights. Hear that Chipotle gives 50%. 8th grade trip did it three times and funded their trip. Want to be careful to not distract from their fundraising. Pancake breakfast or spaghetti night. Yard sale in the parking lot/craft fair. Sell parking spaces to vendors. Only have 1 vendor per category. Post on craft fair FB page. Involve food trucks. Vendors bring their own tables and tents. They can donate an item as part of their participation and those can raise money through a drawing. Penny drive – classroom wars. Fun competition for kids. Chili cook-off (make sure this isn’t scheduled near the firefighters cook-off since they donate food baskets to our holiday drive and that money comes from their cook-off). Made by Mansfeld fair also suggested. Fundraiser t-shirts, kids could design, online vendor gives us a cut of sales. Can average \$1,000. Zumbathon—that would require an instructor. Disney ticket raffle, since we are a 501(3)(c) Disney will provide passes for fundraising event. We need to provide a date which is more than 2 months away, but less than 6 months away. Golf tournament, most likely in the spring and get items donated from around town as prizes. Parking for book festival was suggested. Since the UA provides free parking as a gesture to encourage reading, charging for parking is not in the spirit of the festival. Could have a donation box and while people are parking in our lot, ask for donations. Also parking for UA graduations. Millionsfortucson.org - Jim Click donates a car, we sell drawing tickets for \$25. The tickets we sell are given to Jim Click, but we get 100% of what we sell as a donation. Crowdfunding also suggested.

Stefanie is putting together a fundraising committee.

PSTO insurance covers any event we organize.

Vice President for Parking Fundraising Report:

Sonya: All reserved parking is sold in the first lot. Since some season holders didn't show, we were able to upcharge their empty spots with drive up parkers. Next game is September 19th. Game is at 7, parking starts at 5pm. Best way to reach Sonya is text.

We have 8 special parking spots available (day parking). Ms Mosconi has contacted UA connections to let them know about parking. Advertising for these PTSO spots is word of mouth. These spots are sold by PTSO vs Mansfeld and this need to be communicated.

Principals Report:

Mr. Sanchez reported on several topics.

- SchoolCity Testing: Testing was done the last two weeks. There was a reading passage and assessment. Test was Multiple choice. Testing was done to measure growth in student (spring testing will also be done), also used in teacher evaluations. Testing was online only (no paper option). Mansfeld has 250 computers and teachers has to test two classes each. Classes, students and subjects were random.
- Enrollment: Final number is 795. 10-day count is down. Still over projection. Mansfeld has the highest increase in enrollment, and was recognized by Governing Board.
- Progress reports will be mailed the week of September 14th.
- 21st Century (BOOST) started September 8th. Schedule is online and offers tutoring, homework help and enrichment classes.
- Conference week is September 16, 17, & 18th. You should receive a flyer. It will be ½ schedule for W/Th/F. Classes dismiss at 12:16. Lunch will end at 12:50. Busses start loading at 12:50. You can pick up your student any time between 12:16 – 12:50. Please tell them to let you know when and where they are leaving, so you are not wondering where they are. There is no afterschool and no activity busses. Conference schedules start Wednesday at 1:20 and end at 4:00. Conference sessions are 20 minutes. You can contact the counseling dept to schedule at time. Drop in for Wednesday is 3:00 to four. Conferences start at 1:20 on Thursday. Drop-in on Thursday is 6:30 – 7:30. There are no conferences on Friday.
- Spirit week is September 21-25. Students wear uniform bottom and spirit shirt. They do not need to wear the polo under the spirit shirt. Hats are ok if they fit with the theme of spirit week.
- Stem Night is September 24th at 5:30. They are set up to learn more about STEM at Mansfeld. Ms Mosconi note: it's important to RSVP for Title 1 purposes.
- There is an advanced instrument concert on September 29th at 6:30.
- Benchmark testing will be September 28th – October 8th. Testing will be online by SchoolCity. Paper tests are not an option this year.
Note: Parent question: How are computer issues handled. Students had computers freeze during testing.
Answer: SchoolCity has safety mode so answers are saved. Time is not docked for computer issues.
- Students Rights and Responsibilities: This is renewed every year. The book is still at the print shop. Books will be passed out and reviewed.

Community Representative Report:

Ms. Mosconi: Tutoring starts Monday. We have Mentors for STEM, they will work with students all semester. There is a research project for students who are interested in science. If you'd like your student to participate, please contact Ms. Mosconi. There are about 100 students who need tutors. 50 students that need mentors. They will be seen 2 times a week and the program will try to pair them with the same tutor/mentor. Mike Beard and a UA professor cleaned trash from the Platt. Thank you to them!

Note from Edward: He submitted to the wishlist asking for an ice machine and laminator, cost for each is \$2,000.

Treasurer Report:

Edward: Need to renew insurance. The cost is \$475.00 from State Farm. In the past the insurance was \$800. Edward motioned to approved. Motion was seconded and passed. We have contract from A-Team Security, 6 hours for each guard, all 6 games is \$1296. Edward motioned to accept contract and pay A-Team Security. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Funding Requests/Reimbursements:

\$150 for Generator to power basketball scoreboard donated by UA. Chargeable battery, since Platt has no plug. It would PTSO generator that we buy for the school. Edward motioned to approved purchase. Motion was seconded, all affirmative votes, 0 negative votes, 1 abstained, motion carried.

Karen Mihina submitted 118.06 for reimbursement for Staff Breakfast items. Edward motioned to approve, motioned seconded and carried.

General Discussion:

Rebecca – 4.00 and honor roll students recognized at honors night. 4.00 get free dress on Fridays. 3.5 students have nothing that honors their work. Would like to find a way to be recognized by their peers. Can we change school culture so that honor roll students are recognized too? One suggestion is free dress on a different day than the principal’s list kids. Pizza with the principal could be a reward. Free dress isn’t always an incentive, can there be choices for students? Can parents have incentives when parent participate in PTSO—other than free dress?

Jordon (student) suggested letting kids wear hats. Announcements of honor roll kids also could be done. George (student) was ok with that, as was Jordan. It was suggested kids be asked what they would like. Issue was tabled so that other ideas could be presented.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2015, at 6:00 pm in the school library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.