

10-16-27 FFO Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order 8:19am
- Attendees: Jill Shenitzer, Heather Northey, Liz Troger, Julia Insel, Melissa Furrier, Kristin Michels, Hannah Kuper, Rachel Martin, Bri Volpe, Bree Glenn, Dana Goldstein, Liz Farrugia, Amy Gulas, Tina Ienna-Balistreri, Celeste McBirnie, Anita Strickler, Matt Landau, Daniel Leal, Mitzi, Leslie Lopez, Megan Smith, Jessica Papariella, Katie Castilla, Isabel Corres, Allie Boelman, Rob Henikman
- Kindness Presentation
 - Ben's Bells has been around for 25 years
 - Kind Campus program: based of grief of child (Ben) passing unexpectedly; kind campus teaches about the benefits of kindness and supports schools in creating a culture of kindness on campus and beyond (any school can register for the program and sign up)
 - Ben's Bells are representations of kindness; have hung over 95,000 bells
 - How is Manzanita a kind place? Kind messaging, people make eye contact, helpful staff → *kindness is communicated* (humans benefit from human connection)
 - Four Predictors of Kindness: 1) attitude, 2) norms (context), 3) confidence & skills, and 4) supportive systems (more context)
 - At home: Did you see anything that was kind today? Frame experiences as opportunities to be kind.
 - Kindness token painting activity
- Principal's Report
 - Kindness is written into our Student Improvement Plan (SIP)
 - Programs include kindness committee, buddy classes, kindness notes, kindness tree, kind kid awards, community kindness, kindness station at every community event
 - Community kindness video
- Horseshoes & poos: staff appreciation & recognition, 100s of cards for Mr. Greg, raised \$482 through El Tour, 3 grade walk and talk, over \$30,000 for mustang bucks, sprouts grant, Fun Fit Family Saturdays, FFO closet organized, Dine Out, tickets sold for AZ football, ice cream socials, Barre event, staff favorites, picture day, and MORE
- Approve minutes
 - Approve minutes for May: Anita Strickler 1st, Jessica Papariella 2nd, approved by all
- Treasurer's Report
 - Finances looking good, corporate matching needs to be reconciled so didn't integrate correctly (looks like Mustang Bucks weren't reached but they were), field trips have happened
 - Motion to accept financials (September): 1st Heather Northey, 2nd Dana Goldstein, approved by all
- VPS of Fundraising

- Mustang Bucks hit (current \$30, 919.24)
- Current fundraisers: Art to Remember keepsakes (due date is 11/2/26) received before the holidays (first week of November); all proceeds go to the art program
- Minted fundraising orders save 20% and 10% come back to MZ (code: fundraiseMFFO), shop stationary/gifts, children's art, etc.
- Student Enrichment Program
 - Field trips:
 - 1st grade TVF (10/13), Fox Theater (5/4)
 - 3rd grade Bisbee & Kartchner caverns (5/6-5/7), Botanical Gardens (2/22-2/23)
 - 5th grade STEM adventure program at Pima NW (11/2), science camp overnight at end of April
 - Classroom spending happening
- Volunteer Coordinator
 - Point person for: inquiries about how to get involved, connecting with committee chairs/right person, send volunteer requests to marketing coordinator, designate/confirm committee chairs at start of year and recruit for EFFO, volunteer when possible
 - Ongoing opportunities: Miler's Club, Board Games, Gardening
 - Upcoming opportunities: Trunk-or-Treat, Desert Dash, Gratitude lunches, Fall book fair, Art to remember sorting, adopt-a-family
 - Ways to support: El Tour de Tucson (11/21): sign up to be a rider or sponsor a rider (& select Manzanita FFO as the "charity")
 - Buddy Program help/feedback for next year
- Grants Report
 - Received a \$5,000 grants from Sprouts for our school garden (will improve water system, educational materials for teachers, compost bin, materials for teachers) receive a \$500 grant for Miler's Club from Arizona Roadrunners
 - TBD on next Grant
 - If you do come across any benefactors for our current grants (Sprouts & AZ Roadrunners), give them a shout out of gratitude!

Community Reports

- Community Schools
 - Quarter 2 running, no early release for month of October
 - Tapas for Teachers Manzanita is hosting childcare from 5-9pm (\$40 for childcare, no need to be a CARE registered family)
 - Outdoor adventures running on half days next week
 - Winter Break full-day CARE will be out soon (both weeks of winter break)
- Foundation Report
 - Tapas for Teachers fundraising events will be at Hacienda del Sol on November 12th from 5:30-8:30pm includes all CFSD foothills schools
- Desert Dash

- Next week! Saturday morning October 24th @7am, registration starts at 6:30am (warm up with Mr. Campa)
 - Raised \$5,000 in sponsors
 - Need volunteers! Starts at 6:00am
- Dine Out
 - Next one is at Mod Pizza (Wetmore location) on October 27th
 - November 10th at Fentenelli's
 - December 8th at Beyond
- Picture Day
 - Picture day went great! Went faster than we've ever done. Thank you for the volunteers! Should have received an email with the digital image
 - Retakes are on November 19th
- Trunk or Treat
 - 43 trunks so far, thank you! We still have spots left.
 - If you plan to attend as a trick-or-treater, please consider donating to the school wide collection (wagon inside office)
 - No parking at Manzanita! Shuttle buses starting at 6:20pm at Orange Grove and keep running for the entire time.
 - Several tubs of items that can be used as decorations in FFO closet
- Book Fair
 - November 16th is start of fall book fair, run through the 20th
 - Coupled with Game Night Thursday the 19th (Bingo would be fun & easy, board games can be brought for grade-level games)
- Staff Appreciation
 - Scented Leaf catered staff last month
 - Hocus Pocus this month
 - National staff recognition last month
- Yearbook & Spirit Wear
 - Yearbook is being ran by the enrichment class (Desert Animals is the theme); now Tuesdays 1:30-2:30pm before Advanced Orchestra
 - Spirit Wear sales are going great
- Miler's Club
 - 70% have done a lap, had to cancel a few days because of the rain/mud
 - New shed for materials
- Board Games
 - Kids continue to love it! Really like to play with the adults.
 - Every Thursday during lunch recess (need a lot of help for kinder!)
- Gardening Club
 - Grant money will be used for irrigation (getting going); lots of work behind the scenes
 - Teachers need awareness about what the garden program can do – teachers don't need to do anything! Gardening staff can give a tour, read a book, buy plants, plan ideas, etc.

- For volunteering, comment with your email (or contact Julia Insel) so she can give you information about what needs to be removed

New Business

- Grade Level Reps
 - Multi-age Fall Festival has been moved to November 10th
 - Need information to 1st grade parents moving on
- Manzanita goes to Arizona football!
 - Date is November 14th
 - Won't know game time until Monday
- Gratitude Lunches
 - November 9th through November 20th
 - Have lunch with your kiddo
- Mustangs Community Workout with Yogapod!
 - Family teaches at Yogapod so looking at a Sunday
 - TBD date forthcoming
- Motion to adjourn 9:41am

Important Upcoming Dates

- 10/17: Last fit family Saturday at 8:00am at lower field
- 10/20-10/22: Parent teacher conferences; 11:30am dismissal
- 10/23: Kinder ice cream social after 3:00pm dismissal
- 10/24: Desert Dash at Sabino Canyon 6:30am-8:00am
- 10/27: Grading Day (Half Day) & Dine Out at Mod Pizza (Wetmore location)
- 10/29: Staff Appreciation HOCUS POCUS
- 10/30: Trunk or Treat 6:30-8:00pm
- 11/2: National School Psychologist week & order deadline for Art to Remember keepsakes
- 11/6: 5th grade walk & talk at 7:35am
- 11/9: Gratitude lunches begin