

**Manzanita Faculty Family Organization**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**March 7, 2025**

**Call to order 8:16am**

**Members attended:** Rob Henikman, Catalina Buffum, Bri Volpe, Ann Lee, Brenna Rheinheimer, Marci Petti, Jeni Knight, Jessica Papariella, Megan Gralla, Michelle Marrs, Emily Hoses, Stefanie Prince, Kelly Hamilton, Melissa Fumier, Jason Spence, Mark Ruben-Toles, James strickler, Rachel Martin, Kaitlin Jones, Matt Landau, Dana Goldstein, Keri Casper, Heather Dix, Kristin Michels, Julia Insel, Celine Cohn

**Minutes approved:**

1st. Ann Lee

2nd. Rachel Martin

**Special Guest talk OGMS : Mark RUBen-Toles**

- Big transition from one teacher to multiple teachers
- Seek out challenges
- Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, and Wed. of short weeks (ie half days during week, Holidays during week) Start 7:30am All other wednesdays start 9:30 am. Community school classes open before and after school on late start wednesdays.
- PE/Health and Art (art, choir, band or orchestra) are daily everyday all year long,
- Lunch-3 separate lunch periods one for 6th, 7th and 8th
- Students can purchase hot lunch or snack bar. Microwaves available to heat food
- During lunch can play on field, go to library, game room (if open with help of volunteers) Maker space (oculus, 3-d pens, etc.)
- World languages full period every day - offer spanish and Mandarin Chinese.
- Request Student language and Art, band, orchestra or choir by March 2. (if have not done so still do it now)
- Be aware of change to classes/organizational challenges
- Lots of support available!
- Zeros are Preventable and peer tutoring available on wednesdays
- Rules are Respect, Responsibility, compassion - kids get tickets to acknowledge conversations. They can use tickets to vote for things such as dance themes.
- Have advisory class on Wednesday - goal setting, reflection, community
- School counselors- whole school class lessons, run small groups, meet with students one on one, kids can sign up on website to meet with counselors
- End of July sign up for sports/activities/community schools
- Tues July 29 pick up and unpack get schedule, take photos, locker, id etc.
- Friday Aug. 1 new student/parent orientation 10:30-12:30
- "Boot camp" for 6th graders July 21-25 through community schools

- Visit OGMS run tours march 19, May 7 2:45 - 4:15
- Sign up now to receive FFO newsletter @ orangegroveffo.com
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**Mustang Bucks:** Tina Ienna-Balistreri

- No change. We met our goal!

**Treasurer's Report:** Brenna Rheinheimer

- Paid busses and camp for 5th grade
- Field Trips - SEP book fair Income and read-a-thon
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Financials approved: 1st: Julia Insel  
2nd: Celine Cohn

Expenses:

- back to school week: \$147.53
- Shuttle back to school week \$123.89
- Classroom funding: \$4,610.32
- credit card processing fee \$1,615.89
- curbsmart \$2,350.00
- Bus Driver appreciation :-\$128.29
- Ffo admin expense \$1,971.89
- Ffo president fund \$55.00
- 5th grade recognition \$121.50
- 5th grade trip expenses \$25,360
- Fall book fair \$2,915.43
- Feotac chairperson 219.02
- Spirit wear expense \$3,945.25
- District donation \$
- District event cost \$
- Desert dash expense \$823.29
- Classroom spending \$
- kindness/bens bells \$144.40
- Milers club \$459.79
- Mustang bucks expenses \$30.10
- Office supplies:\$42.03
- Playground balls \$330.71
- Postage \$14.60
- Principal's breakfast \$643.36
- Principals fund \$84.78
- Principals Staff Meals \$1,074.46
- Read-a-thon \$30.10

- refreshments/volunteer breakfast \$976.39
- signage/banners \$59.77
- Site council - \$19.57
- Staff Appreciation:\$2,183.09
- Spiritwear:\$7,075.16
- Special requests \$400.00
- Serp artist in residency \$\$470
- SEP field trip busses \$4,001.52
- SEP field trip admissions \$4,064.00
- SEP supplies and materials \$7,963.54
- Third grade trip expenses \$8,739.20
- Trunk or treat \$571.19
- Total :\$80,613.23

Income:

- Desert Dash \$1,140.00
- Dine outs \$899.44
- Escript/frys \$270.06
- Edukit income \$1,257.38
- Fall book fair \$7,080
- 5th grade trip income \$2,730.00
- 5th grade scholarship \$200.00
- Interest income \$0.48
- Mustang bucks \$29,260
- Spirit wear \$6,980.00
- Teacher appreciation \$1,940.00
- Third grade trip income \$7,150.00
- Third grade trip scholarship \$900
- Unorganized income \$88
- Yearbook \$2,116.79

total:\$62,002.15

**SEP - Keri Casper/Maggie Schmidt**

- Lots of orders SEP/classroom
- 7-9 teachers have a lot of funding left
- Sending reminders to spend funds
- Field trips - 1st and multiage fox theater
- 3rd Kartchner caverns/Bisbee mine
- 4th science center in phoenix
- 2nd Shamrock farms in april
- 5th grade Payson - put out sign up as chaperone
- Donations 5th grade \$220 donation requested for trip Scholarships available
- Asking for extra donations
- Asking chaperones for 132\$ donation to cover their portion of camp/food

## **Volunteer Coordinator- Catalina Buffum**

- Super volunteers Catalina Buffum and Marci Petti!
- Volunteer of the month Brenna Rheinheimer!!

## **Committee reports:**

### **Read-a-thon:**

- Officially started Monday
- Fundraising March 16 total \$30,807!
- Over \$23,000 for MZ!
- Already hit school wide participation goals
- Kraft in Lead most minutes read
- 17 teachers had over 65% activated accounts!

### **Community Schools :**

- 4th quarter registration open!
- Early release classes start the 17th
- Spring break outdoor adventures to Sedona
- ½ day wildlife in Marana
- Care is open thursday and friday ½ day end of year.
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### **Foundation Report**

- Teacher of the year April 27
- Hacienda del sol - tickets online
- Endowment for literacy/fine arts funds summer school if child is behind

### **Garden Club -**

- Tons of participation
- Kinder planting next week
- Trying to run on donations

### **Yearbook - Melissa Furrier**

- Earlier deadline
- Need photos for 5th grade/orchestra
- 5th grade tribute pages  $\frac{3}{4}$  photos of each 5th grader

### **Book fair -**

- March 3-7 - alongside read-a-thon!
- Literacy night - food trucks, literacy centers, candyland theme 5-7pm!
- Need volunteers
- Need books for literacy night

### **Staff Appreciation**

- Thanks to everyone who contributed!
- Loved the Jan room re-stock!
- Waffle and yogurt bar friday Feb. 14
- March 21 spirit wear day
- May need gift cards still
- Need volunteers

### **Dine Outs:**

- Dough Bird Monday
- April Daves Hot Chicken by costco drive
- May Boba tea (campbell location)

### **Spirit wear:**

- Sales trickling in. \$300 profit so far
- Available online!

### **FEOTAC:**

- Raffle baskets - buy tickets
- Got donations from community lots of different types of baskets
- Kumar needs help
- Hang art Fridays day of FEOTAC
- Sapphire doing Dinner

### **Community Connections:**

- Park at La Encantada and walk with class and get coffee after
- March 14 k/1st grade 7:35
- 3rd/4th in april
- 5th in May
- Board game night BYOG BYOF mid april
- Home Happenings - share Photo of extra curricular activities in FFO news letter!

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**Upcoming dates:**

- 3/10 - Dineout Dough Bird 5-9pm
- 3/12 NO early release FULL DAY
- 3/14 Parent-Teacher conferences ½ day
- 3/14 Kinder/1/2/multi walk and talk @ 7:35
- 3/14 mustang round up in MPR 8:15
- 3/14 last day of read-a-thon
- 3/21 Staff appreciation school spirit merch
- 3/24-3/28 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL
- NEXT FFO MEETING FRIDAY APRIL 4, 2025 @ 8:15am!