

**Manzanita Faculty Family Organization
Monthly Meeting
November 4 2024**

Call to order 8:21am

Members attended: Catalina Buffum, Bri Volpe, Marci Petti, Ann Lee, Brenna Rheinheimer, Melissa Furier, Heather Northey, Shelly Tolman, Julia Insel, Kristin Michels, Tina Ienna-Balistreri, Parisa Decker, Julia Elitzer, Dana Goldstein, Rachel Martin, Kaitlin Jones, Jamie Yoder, Laura Surdeanu, Ana Maria Brode, Liz Farrugia, Honey Pie, Stephanie Zwaga, Keri Casper, CJ Pomerantz

Minutes approved:

1st. Tina Ienna-Balistreri

2nd. Heather Northey

Principal's Report per Bri Volpe:

- Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day: November 14th at 7:30. Meet in the NE parking lot of La Encantada and wear purple. Everyone that attends will receive a swag bag
- Student Service Project for 1st Semester is supporting the Kids of Steele. Dana Goldstein and Matt Landau have organized:
 - Rock Painting at Book Fair family night. 150 Rocks were painted and added to the patient rock garden at the Banner Clinic. Patients choose a rock to hold during their treatment and keep after.
 - World Kindness Day classroom activities: On November 13, grades K-2 will make cards to patients in the hospital. Grades 3-5 will make Kids of Steele bracelets. Parents helped to assemble the bracelet kits during the meeting.
 - Adopt-a-Family: Manzanita will support one pediatric patient and their family during the holidays. We will post the wishlist (including \$5 gift card donations) on November 15th on Parent Square and will need items back by December 6th so that they might be counted, organized, and wrapped before delivery. Manzanita families in need are also encouraged to use the link found on the counseling page of our website if they need support during the holidays as well.

Mustang Bucks: Tina Ienna-Balistreri

- We didn't hit the goal of \$28,600 by Oct. 19, 2024, but kindergarten did win the highest grade level participation with 46%.
- We are currently at \$22,150
- Next big and hopefully final push will be on Giving Tuesday, December 3. We will ask

- everyone for \$10-20 with QR codes being passed out in pickup, bus, and walk lines.
- The rest of the parking spot winners have been announced for the year. Sheri will post in parent square and will send a monthly reminder to the next winner

Treasurer's Report: Brenna Rheinheimer

- Edu-kit and yearbook income came in
- A big check was cut for the Third Grade field trip and buses

Financials approved: 1st: Ann Lee
2nd: Julia Elitzer

Income:

- Desert Dash \$
- Desert Dash Sponsor/donations \$1,140
- Dine-outs \$237
- escript/shopping (frys etc) \$192.22
- Edukit \$1,257.38
- interest \$.24
- Fall Book fair \$
- Feotac - \$
- Frys \$
- 5th grade trip income \$
- 5th grade trip scholarship \$
- Interest income \$
- Mustang Bucks \$21,880
- Read-a-thon \$
- Special events -\$
- Spirit wear \$ 6,770
- Spring book fair \$
- Teacher appreciation \$
- Third grade trip income \$
- Third grade scholarships \$
- Yearbook \$2,116.79

Total: \$33,605.63

Expenses

- Art Show \$
- Back to school week\$147.53
- Back to school shuttle \$123.89
- Bank charges \$
- Classroom funding \$1,707.78
- Credit card processing \$1,031.13
- Curbsmart \$ 2,350.00
- Desert dash event expenses \$79.50

- Bus driver appreciation \$-128.29
- District donations \$
- District event costs \$
- Fall book fair expenses \$1,104.00
- FFO admin expenses \$452.60
- FFO presidents fund \$55.00
- Feotac chairperson expenses \$
- Feotac teacher expense \$
- 5th grade recognition \$121.50
- 5th grade trip expenses \$
- Falcon flyout \$
- Library \$
- Mustang Bucks \$
- Milers club \$249.95
- Office Supplies (ffo)\$42.03
- Playground balls \$
- Principal's Staff meals \$629.92
- Principals breakfast \$421.82
- Principals Fund \$
- Refreshments/volunteer breakfast \$599.19
- Special request/effo approved <500/1,500 per year \$400
- Spirit wear expense \$6,047.13
- Spring book fair expense \$
- Staff appreciation \$983.84
- SEP Field Trip Admissions \$2,247.00
- SEP field trip busses \$1,212.74
- SEP supplies and materials \$6,048.25
- Total SEP \$9,507.99
- Third grade trip expense \$5,800
- Trunk or treat \$509.52

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$32,236.03

SEP - Keri Casper

- Field trips coming up: Fox theater, Tucson village farm, Third Grade to Bisbee in Feb.

Volunteer Coordinator- Catalina Buffum

- Volunteer of the month is Tina Ienna-Balistreri for Picture Day, Trunk-or-Treat, and Mustang Bucks campaign.

Committee reports:

Board Games: Laura Surdeanu

- Gave overview of 4 most popular games to play with the kids

- Is only able to help on Friday's from here on out. Will need more help setting up games on Thursday and still needs 2 volunteers on Friday's to help monitor and play the games with kids
- PLEASE sign up on Parent Square to help during lunch recess

Foundation Report (Bri)

- Tapas and Teachers event was very fun and well attended
- 6 of our teachers were able to attend for free through applications to the Foundation
- Teacher of the Year Nominations are now open until November 30th. Apply for more than one and have your children write nominations also

Milers/Desert Dash: Ann Lee

- Thanks to all those that attended the Desert Dash!
- We are still looking for a co-char to work with Matt Landau on the Dash next year
- 1,784 miles have been run by the whole school so far
 - 4th grade has the most miles and 2nd grade is in second place
 - The class that has run the most miles will get an Eegee's party at the end of the year

Yearbook - Melissa Furrier

- Going to use new company, Varsity for books
- Will offer 5th grade families the opportunity to make a memory page for their child at no extra cost

Picture Day-Tina Ienna-Balistreri

- We are still waiting on photos from Interstate, hopeful they will be delivered Tuesday
- We will have to reschedule Retake Day but aren't sure when that will be yet
- It will be posted on Parent Square

Trunk or Treat -Tina Ienna-Balistreri

The event was super successful! Very well attended, cleaned up

Book fair - (Bri)

- This year teachers had the opportunity to create an E-wallet for their classroom. The teachers that did so were able to get most or all books off of their wishlist
- Thank you to all the volunteers that worked a shift or more!
- You can still shop today if you want to purchase a book of a teacher or specialist's wishlist.
- Librarian had a wishlist, but in the spring will have her make a classroom E-wallet also

Staff Appreciation -Bri Volpe

- Next event will be November 22nd, "Hats off to you Day"
- Donation wish list was posted to Parent Square on FFO page, turn in gift cards to front office by 12/16

- You can also sign up to volunteer to help set up or clean up one of the Staff Appreciation days

Dine Outs-Stephanie Zwaga

- We received the check from the Beyond Bread Dine Out for \$225. 80 and will receive a check for \$149.83 from Mod Pizza within 6 weeks.
- Our next Dine Out will be on December 11th at the Chipotle on Wetmore and Oracle. It will be from 4-8pm and the flyer will be posted to Parent Square closer to the event
- The District FFOs are creating a master spreadsheet of Dine Outs so that we can attend other schools' fundraisers and support them. We will let you know of any upcoming ones soon.

District Highlights from DFFO- Bri Volpe

- CFSD is the only District in Arizona to have all schools receive an "A". Mr. Henikman will discuss this more at the next FFO meeting
- Sunrise Elementary was the only K-8 to receive all 100 points.
- Safety Improvements were approved at last board meeting
- Open Enrollment began November 1st
- CFSD is hosting the First Lego League Regional Robotics Tournament on 12/7 at 8am at Orange Grove Middle School. Feel free to drop by throughout the day to watch

ADJOURNED - 9:22am

Upcoming dates:

- 11/11: VETERAN'S DAY: NO SCHOOL
- 11/13: World Kindness Day-Student Service Projects in class
- 11/14: Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day @ 7:30 am- Wear PURPLE!
- 11/22: November Staff Appreciation gifts
- 11/27-11/29: Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL
- 12/3: GIVING TUESDAY
- 12/6: Principal's Breakfast @ 7:15 am in library
- 12/11: Kinder Show 'n Tell-2pm
- 12/11: DINE OUT @ Chipotle (Wetmore location) 4-8pm
- 12/18: December Staff Appreciation-lunch & 12/20: Gift Card Tree