

**Manzanita Faculty Family Organization**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Dec. 8, 2023**

**Call to order 8:20am**

**Members attended:** Celeste McBirnie, Ann Lee, Bri Volpe, Celine Cohn, Kelly Dooley, Johanne Ives, Brenna Rheinheimer, Marci Petti, Ashley Glaser, Catalina Buffum, Heather Northey, Kristin Michels, Loukas Lazos, Donna Saavedra , Tina Ienna-Balistreri, Tom Logue, Kim Boling

**Minutes approved:** 1st. Donna Saavedra

2nd. Bri Volpe

**Principal Report:** Kim Boling

- Principal breakfasts are going great! Time for families to meet and greet
- All schools in district received an “A” grade this year!
  - grades are based off district performance
  - Significant student growth
  - Students on track to proficiency
  - 50% of total score based on student growth
  - 30% Proficiency on state assessments
  - 10% english learners
  - 10% Acceleration/readiness
    - Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more of the year
    - Children who are chronically absent in pre k, k and 1st are more likely to not be proficient readers by 3rd grade. Students not reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade are 4 times more likely than proficient readers to drop out of school. Irregular attendance can be a better predictor of dropping out before the end of high school than test scores.
    - Frequent absences can shape adulthood
    - Students with frequent absences can be retained.
    - Students can miss 18 days before considered chronically absent
    - Absent includes illness and planned days off
    - Please try to plan trips over holidays.
    - IN 2021-2022 COVID TIMES 258 students missed 18+ days which is 42% of enrolled students! Manzanita did NOT get points for this year.
    - in 2023 decreased significantly to 10 students missing 18+ days. Less than 2%

**CORRECTION: IN 2022-2023 there were 107 students who missed 18+ days not 10. (correction will be noted at FEb. FFO meeting before approval)**

**Mustang Bucks:** Catalina Buffum

- Were at \$23,850
- Just under \$3,000 short of our goal
- No school wide dance party, but still have time to get to 50% participation to earn every class an extra recess in JAN!
- Currently at 35% participation!
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**Treasurer's Report:** Brenna Rheinheimer

- Financials can be found on the website
- Class room spending and Sent check for shade structure.
- Lots of field trips paid for busses for 4th grade science, 3rd grade Botanical garden, 2nd grade Fox theater, Mulitiage and 1st children's museum, Klnder Tucson Village Farm

Income:

- Box tops
- Desert Dash \$2,651.01
- Dine-outs \$302.76
- escript/shopping (frys etc) \$73.45
- Edukit \$1,797.59
- Frys \$66.04
- 5th grade trip income \$
- 5th grade trip scholarship \$
- Interest income \$.73
- Mustang Bucks \$23,510.00
- Spirit wear \$4,646.00
- Teacher appreciation \$900.00
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Total: \$41,063.58

Expenses

- Art Show \$85.21
- Back to school week supplies \$581.46
- Back to school shuttle \$158.98
- Bloomz \$2,340.00
- Classroom funding \$2,201.66
- Charitable contribution (CFSD playground contribution donation) \$24,630.37
- Credit card processing \$1,165.48

- Curbsmart \$2,350.00
  - Desert dash event expenses \$662.21
  - Desert Dash t-shirt expense \$4,002.27
  - District donations \$100.00
  - District event costs \$45.72
  - Fall book fair expenses \$2,633.84
  - FFO admin expenses \$502.26
  - Library \$78.72
  - Mustang Bucks \$43.72
  - Milers club \$167.52
  - Playground balls \$345.20
  - Principals breakfast \$361.10
  - Principals Fund \$356.15
  - Refreshments/volunteer breakfast \$354.06
  - Special request/effo approved <500/1,500 per year \$669.82
  - Spirit wear expense \$ 7,798.11
  - Staff appreciation \$318.84
  - SEP \$2,895.00
  - SEP field trip busses \$2,975.82
  - SEP supplies and materials \$ 4,701.88
  - Total SEP \$10,572.70
  - Trunk or treat \$343.65
- TOTAL EXPENSES: \$59,957.95

Financials Approved 1st - Ann Lee  
2nd - Heather Northey

**Community reports:**

**Staff Appreciation**

- Week of fun planned
- Small gift daily
- Gift cards last day still need more gift cards. Sign up on bloomz

**Trunk or treat**

- Passed our survey about how to improve next year!
- Thank you to all the volunteers!

**Community Schools -**

- Third quarter put out today
- Registration opens Dec. 13 @ 8:30AM
- Winter break @ Manzanita Tues - Fri.
- OUtdoor adventures 3rd -8th grade only. Lots of fun adventures!
- FOr summer looking for counselors, Inclusion EAs etc.

### **Fall Bookfair**

- Exceeded expectations. only slightly short of what we made last year.
- Spring book fair is set to be Feb. 29 start is in conjunction with Read-a-thon

### **Desert Dash**

- Went well
- 141 children participated!
- 3rd grade had highest attendance
- Handed out medals at end
- Lots of alumni attended

### **Board Games -**

- 5 games set out games are all logic/math based
- Located under ramada on playground
- Need more volunteers during lunch to have games out more often
- Rightnow only on thursdays and friday
- Games stored in the counselors office

### **Garden Club -**

- Working with teachers to coordinate timing

### **CFSD Foundation -**

- Week of giving - raising money for recruitment and retention of teachers. Money doubled for first time donors right now up to \$1,000
- Competition school that has highest participation
- Week of giving ends Dec. 10

### **DFFO**

- Posted updated curriculum
- Collaboration with JTED for certifications before out of school
- Mary Karmazell retiring
- Denise Bartlett taking over
- Foundation needs Database volunteer

### **Spiritwear**

- Long sleeve shirts and hoodies and short sleeve shirts on sale now until Dec. 20th.
- Delivery hopefully shortly after winter break

### **Dine Out**

- Next year Blanco, . Rubio, El charro.

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**Upcoming dates:**

- **Last day to order Spirit Wear 12/19**
- **Winter break 12/25-1/05**
- **MLK NO SCHOOL 1/15**
- **Dine out 1/17 Blanco**
- **Half day 2/14**
- **Rodeo Break 2/22 - 2/23**

**Next FFO meeting Friday FEB 1, 2024**