

MANCHESTER



PTO MINUTES

Month October	President Sarah Freeland <i>sarahfreeland@hotmail.com</i>
Date 10.05.2020	VP Megan Thom <i>megthom@gmail.com</i>
Time 6:30 pm	Treasurer Mary Metchske <i>mebeling@hotmail.com</i>
Location Zoom	Secretary Amy Ruhlman <i>amyruhlman8@gmail.com</i>
Called by President Sarah Freeland	Communications Kolleen Benjamin <i>kolleenbenjamin@gmail.com</i>

Mrs. Patchen (Music) and 5th Grade Team Guest Speakers

Music is utilizing the room in a socially distant way. The students work on their Chromebooks to compose, create, record. Singing 6' apart is on the agenda for the near future!

5th Grade Reading – Utilizing Zoom via Chromebooks and earbuds to do small group work.

5th Grade Math – Working on Division and refreshing multiplication facts foundation.

5th Grade AR – Read a Book Independently + Answer 10 question Quick in Class = Points towards personal goal set by student based on their MAP Reading Score. Prizes throughout the year and Final Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards at the end of the school year.

5th Grade Thank you to PTO and Manchester Community – For everything we collectively do in the past, present, and future. Fingers Crossed for Outdoor Education in the Spring! Special thanks for funding the hard cover book each student is able to create and keep as a great memory from their 5th Grade experience.

Current PTO Budget Report

Treasurer Mary Metchske reviewed the current budget for the 2020 – 2021 school year, including the separate Walking Path Fund.

Vote on Moving \$10,000 from Walk-A-Thon Profits to Walk Path Fund

Motion was made to move \$10K from the Walk-A-Thon Profits to the current \$1407.14 Walking Path Account. That motion received a second. The vote was unanimous to accept. Bid from last spring will be revisited, and hopefully this will be enough to fund Phase One. Account will remain open to fundraise for the Phase Two expansion.

Committee Chair Reports

- Walk-A-Thon
 - Best Year for Manchester Fundraising EVER!
 - WAT netted a profit of \$28,212.53
 - Students had a lot of fun this year, received great prizes, loved the addition of Scavenger Hunt
 - Miles for Manchester generated \$450 for the Walking Path
 - Please extend a huge thank you to all of the incredible efforts of the Committee Chair and Team for making this year's Walk-A-Thon a reality - Jen Bohlsen (chair), Michelle McLaughlin, Laura Gill, Kayla Navin, Kelly McMeekin, Amanda Becker
- Hospitality for Conference Dinners
 - Due to current health guidelines, conference dinners had to be provided to our teachers and staff individually this fall. One evening was catered by Qdoba and one evening by Greenbelly.
 - Thank you to everyone who donated \$ and drinks. The surplus raised will be used for Spring Conference.
 - Kudos to our wonderful Hospitality Chairs this school year - Stephanie Steinhardt and Jessica Ford
- Family Dinner Nights
 - The Sam and Louie's Family Dinner Nights during Parent Teacher Conferences yielded a profit of \$79.70.
 - The next Family Dinner Night will be at Good Life on Monday, October 12th from 5 – 9 pm. Check out the menu at: www.thegoodlifeomaha.com/ What's more, 20% of the profits will come back to support our school! Be sure to tell them you're with Manchester Elementary when ordering. **Mondays are 1/2 price pizzas!** Thank you for supporting our school!
 - Upcoming Family Dinner Night at Runza on Monday, October 26th. More details to come!
 - November will have a two-night Family Dinner Night at Marcos Pizza on Tuesday, November 17th and Wednesday, November 18th. 20% of online and 15% of phone orders will go to Manchester.
 - Gratitude to our Family Dinner Night Chairs - Christy Leesley and Paige Zehnacker
- Online Directory
 - There is still time to register and update your information in Manchester's Online Directory
 - Thank you for all the work you do to keep us in contact Chairs Kerry DePew and April Reineman
- Spirit Wear
 - Orders have arrived and been distributed
 - If you have a Manchester hoodie with "Mountain" misspelled, these will be reprinted and exchanged through the Manchester Office
 - There are extra items available for purchase via the Manchester PTO Facebook website. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ManchesterPTO>. Comment on the pinned PTO Facebook post with which item(s) you'd like to purchase/size/payment method and pay via Venmo (@ManchesterElementary-PTO) or a check (made out to: Manchester Elementary PTO) sent to school. For questions, email Spirit Wear Chairperson Michelle at: mmclaughlin@pensiontpa.com.
 - The next round of online Spirit Wear orders will take place in November – just in time for those holiday gifts

- Awesome job with the planning and execution of the Spirit Wear Orders Chairs Michelle McLaughlin and Karissa Burroughs
- EVEREVE Fundraiser
 - Shop In Store at the REGENCY location this **Thurs., Oct. 8th, 2020** all day from **10am-7pm*** at the **Regency Court store (120 Regency Pkwy, Omaha, NE 68114)**. From every purchase, 15% will be donated to Manchester Elementary PTO. Be sure to tell them you are with Manchester Elementary. If you would prefer to not visit in person, you may call and place your order over the phone at (402) 933-6510. For more info or to RSVP, read more [here](#)!
 - ***Masks are required.** To help promote socially distancing, the sale is valid the entire business day. You MUST mention the Manchester Elementary PTO Fundraiser at the time of purchase. ***Only valid at the Regency Court location.***
 - Thank you for organizing this event, Maria Trusty!
- Yearbook
 - The 2020 – 2021 Manchester Yearbook Order Form will be coming home in Friday Folders this week. The Price will be \$20. Order yours ASAP!
 - Tami Kruse and Julie Real – thank you both so very much for everything that you have, are, and will do to make our yearbook dreams a reality this school year! We appreciate you!
- Picture Day
 - The 2020 – 2021 Order Form will be coming home in Friday Folders this week. Picture Day is Monday, Oct. 19th
- BoxTops and tagg
 - We need your help! If you haven't already, download the **Box Tops app** to earn money for our school. Just scan your store receipts using the app within 14 days of purchase. Or if you do grocery store pick-up or have them delivered, you can simply email your grocery store pick-up/delivery receipts to: receipts@boxtops4education.com.
Money earned from each receipt will be given back to the PTO to use towards the purchase of supplies. Box Tops traditionally are found on the top of grocery store items' packaging. The program turned digital last year and is an easy way to earn our school money. For a list of participating brands, read more [here](#).
 - Did you know that Manchester PTO participates in [TAGG - Together A Greater Good](#)? Download the **TAGG app** and scan receipts of participating stores and restaurants. (Like Sam & Louie's Pizza, Hy-Vee, Runza, and more!) A percentage of what you spend will come back to the PTO! Such an easy way to earn our school money with your shopping.
Here's a list of vendors:
<https://drive.google.com/.../0B6PWaOsHJriQMUI2UURwS0.../view>
 - Huge thank you to Megan Wagner for everything that you do to grow Manchester's profits from our BoxTop and tag participation!

Principal's Report

Mrs. Addink shared the following:

- Fall Parties – There will be Fall Parties, with District recommended guidelines. No parent volunteers in the classroom, but Room Coordinators will be reaching out for support on “Party In A Box”. A craft, game, and prepackaged snack can be provided to each class for the teacher’s to support. Costumes will be allowed. At the end of the Fall Party, there will be a Costume Parade Outside where parents/grandparents/guardians (2 per student) may observe while being socially distant and wearing masks on school campus.
- Because of the great job Elkhorn Elementary Schools are doing with the CDC and Department of Public Health Guidelines, half of each grade’s classrooms are able to eat, socially distant, in the cafeteria instead of in the classrooms.
- If you are interested in supporting our Manchester staff through completing projects at home, such as material preparation, please visit the sign up below. Let us know if you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4DA9A623AA8-manchester>
- Red Ribbon Week October 12th-16th THEME: “OUR SCHOOL ROCKS” BULLY FREE & DRUG FREE Manchester Elementary will join with schools all over the country in celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 12th through 16th. This week is a reminder of making healthy life decisions and responsible choices, free of drugs/bullying. We will be celebrating the week with the following themes: (Wear your Red Ribbons all week)
 - Monday (10/12) “Smarties Choose To Be Drug/Bully Free” Wear crazy sunglasses/hats.
 - Tuesday (10/13) “Real Heroes Don’t Do Drugs or Bully” Dress up as your favorite Superhero or real life hero.
 - Wednesday (10/14) “I’m too Bright for Bully or Drugs” Wear your favorite colors or bright/neon colors
 - Thursday (10/15) “Team Up Against Drugs Bullying” Wear your favorite team jerseys.
 - Friday (10/16) “Pawsitively Proud To Be Drug Free/Bully Free” Wear Manchester shirts or colors. Matt Wilhelm, a famous BMX Star and America’s Got Talent Winner, will have a virtual assembly! There are two sessions for the virtual assembly, 10:00 or 2:00.

Looking forward to seeing everyone for next month’s PTO Meeting! Mark your calendars for Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm via ZOOM!