

MANCHESTER



PTO MINUTES

Month September

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Date 09.14.2020

VP Megan Thom *megthom@gmail.com*

Time 6:30 pm

Treasurer Mary Metchske *mebeling@hotmail.com*

Location Zoom

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Called by President Sarah Freeland

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Special Education Team Guest Speakers

The Special Education Team would like to extend a sincere thank you to the PTO and Manchester Family of Parents and Guardians for their continued support.

Vote on 2020 – 2021 PTO Board

Motion was made to accept the 2020 – 2021 PTO Board. That motion received a second. The vote was unanimous to accept. Board Members along with their respective email address listed above.

Current PTO Budget Report

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

Committee Chair Reports

- Walk-A-Thon
 - WAT will take place during the school day this coming Friday, September 18th
 - As a reminder, only students and staff may be in attendance this year
 - Donation deadline is Friday, September 18th to be eligible for prizes
 - Scavenger Hunt pics and posts to Facebook are due today – Monday, September 14th
 - T-shirts will be sent home Thursday at the latest. Please remember to have your student wear their shirt on Friday, along with comfortable clothes and athletic shoes for participation.
 - 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
 - Kona Ice will be in the neighborhood Friday evening to wrap up Walk-A-Thon with 20% of proceeds going to Manchester's PTO at the following locations and times:

Friday Sept 18th!!! Keep that Walk-A-Thon momentum going and walk over to the closest Kona-Ice truck in your neighborhood! Don't forget to social distance and stay 6 feet apart!

- * 4-4:30pm - Whispering Ridge Apts
- * 4-6pm - Whispering Ridge Park Parking Lot
- * 4:30-5:30pm - Parked by 17710 Erskine St.
- * 5:30-6:30pm - Parked by 17129 Erskine St.
- * 6-7:30pm - Parked by 3299 N. 169th Ave.
- * 6:30-7:30pm - Parked by 2801 N. 170th Circle

4-8pm - A truck will be driving the neighborhoods for those that can't get out of the house!
A link will be posted on FB (Kona-Ice of Omaha/Council Bluffs/East Lincoln) to track this truck in real time.

- Hospitality for Conference Dinners
 - Due to current health guidelines, conference dinners will need to be provided to our teachers and staff individually this fall. One evening will be catered by Qdoba and one evening by Greenbelly.
 - Please consider signing up to donate \$ towards the purchase of these dinners, soda, water, and coffee via the Signup Genius link provided in the 09.14.2020 Manchester PTO Newsletter.
 - Kudos to our wonderful Hospitality Chairs this school year - Stephanie Steinhardt and Jessica Ford
- Family Dinner Nights
 - Planning dinner just got even easier! On Family Dinner Night days, watch for signs at school during drop off and pick up that not only alert you to that fact that it is Family Dinner Night, but provide the name of the restaurant and location.
 - September's Family Dinner Nights are all day Tuesday, September 22nd and Wednesday, September 23rd from 11 am – 9 pm at Sam & Louie's at 2949 N. 204th St. in Elkhorn! Valid on dine-in and carry-out orders all day both days. Check out the menu at: www.samandlouiespizza.com
 - A portion of the profits will come back to support our school! *Be sure to tell them you're with Manchester Elementary when ordering. What's more, these are the two days of Conferences so lunch and dinner for your family will be a breeze!* And be sure to TAGG your receipt to earn our school more money! Thank you for supporting our school!
 - 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
- Re-cap Spirit Wear
 - Orders should arrive and be distributed in the next two weeks
 - There will be extra items available for purchase
 - The next round of 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
- Re-cap Back to School Supplies
 - This is the first year Back to School Supply Orders yielded a profit to Manchester's PTO
 - Thank you for your tireless work on this Committee Chair Sarah Freeland
- Re-cap Welcome Event

- In lieu of an actual breakfast, Chair Becky Jefferson did a phenomenal job welcoming new families to Manchester by providing them with a card and magnet with important phone #'s. Welcome to Manchester to all of our new Families!
- Yearbook
 - Yes! You did read that right! There is going to be a 2020 – 2021 Manchester Yearbook! Watch for Order Forms in an upcoming Friday Folder.
 - 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!

Principal's Report

Mrs. Addink shared the following:

- Manchester's Staff continues to be thankful and grateful for the support of our Manchester Families, especially during this time with health and safety guidelines and restrictions.
- Manchester's enrollment is currently 556 students including 26 new students and 77 Kindergartners.
- To date, there have been no cases of COVID spread throughout the district. The support and compliance of our students and parents and family has been amazing! Keep up the great work, Mountain Lions!
- There will be a Virtual Assembly during Red Ribbon Week featuring Matt Wilhelm. Matt Wilhelm is a BMX Flatland rider and motivational speaker. He is known for his fast spinning and aggressive riding style. He is a three-time X Games Medalist, World Championship Silver Medalist, two-time United States National Champion, and Guinness World Record Holder. Among other television appearances Matt advanced to the semi-finals on *America's Got Talent*. He also won *America's Got Talent* YouTube Competition, and won FOX TV's *30 Seconds to Fame*. Wilhelm is also a motivational speaker and performs at over 300 schools per year. He was featured in the award winning documentary *Stop Bullying: Speak UP* with President Obama.

Looking forward to seeing everyone for next month's PTO Meeting! March your calendars for Monday, October 5th at 6:30 pm via ZOOM!