

# Manitou Springs 6-12 PAC

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4 OCTOBER 2023

## Attendees

Dustin Cady, Coralyn Gauvin, Susan Taylor, Stephanie Courson-Olenick, Elissa Brost, Susan Giek, Sela Spencer, Ingrid Perez, Paula Faucette, Laura Quintero

"Education is not the filling of a pot, but the lighting of a fire." – W.B. Yeats

## Welcome and Introductions

### Old Business

- Approve Sept minutes – yes
- AWAM MG Evan Johnson, Beignets for MS Student Wellness event Oct 4, \$100
- Deferred MG I. Perez, Spanish Club (32), Club Tshirts, \$250 – approved
  - Small club, no fees to join
  - Shirts to represent the club for events and outings
  - \$14.50/shirt for 18 shirts
  - Club will cover the additional \$11 not covered in the mini-grant

### New Business

- MSMS Update – Dustin Cady
  - Great month
  - Mission Statement – ...creating a sense of belonging for all students
    - High Trails outing – highlight for the school so far
  - Writing in all content areas is a goal for the school this year
  - End of 1st Qtr October 16th
  - PTC end of October virtual, Oct 26 & 27
    - PAC supports for teachers – Well do Friday, Coralyn to put together a sign-up genius to send out
  - New family decided to come!!
- MSHS Update – Anna Conrad
  - We've had an awesome first quarter at MSHS!
  - Homecoming was incredibly joyous with lots of students and staff participating in spirit days, our many events, and celebrating being a mustang!
  - As a staff, we have been really leaning into our Advisory Labs to strengthen academic supports for students as well as our Wellness Lab,

- which will be offering social emotional curriculum for our upperclassman to work through challenges such as senioritis or stress management.
- We've started content specific field trips and guest speakers including a recent presentation from an art school, including the rep reviewing student's portfolios! We just learned that we made the US News Report Best High Schools, the AP Honor Roll (for the second time in school history), and we are a finalist for the Masonic High School of the Year Award!
  - Shout out to our performing arts crew, including students working with Wendy Harms to write our own musical production and Caleb Hall who is coordinating a swing dancing class open to the community next Wednesday at 6 pm. Wednesday is also our PSAT 9/NMSQT for 9th-11th graders.
  - Shout out to our fall athletics and especially our soccer team who is currently undefeated! Go Stangs!
  - Treasury Report - Stephanie
    - Approx balance - unknown, many issues, working to reconcile
      - Lynda to get back to us after working through information
      - Sept numbers incorrect
      - \$8,052.97 (less coffee maker, ice cream social, and mini-grants)
        - \$5,989.05???
    - TShirts: MS 70 items \$173.04; HS 55 items \$146.29
      - Check fees waived!!
      - \$319.33 in profits so far
  - Officer Nominations - New CoChair Elected Laura Quintero
    - co-Chairperson description from PAC Bylaws:
      - 3. Duties of Chairperson shall include: presiding at all meetings and reviewing all committee reports; setting agendas; organizing committee dates with school administrator.
      - 4. **Duties of co-Chairperson shall include: fulfilling Chairperson's duties, if necessary; timekeeper at meetings; advisory to Chairperson.**
  - Staff Wellness - Angela Gieck, Paula Faucette, Danny Tramel
    - New wellness policy/goal to promote nutrition education, students health, diet, govt guidelines
    - Free breakfast/lunch for the year
      - All students need to do the application, regardless of the possibilities of qualifications
      - Good response so far, blast again for families
    - Lots of changes to the program, whole child model
    - Offer options for families to purchase healthier choices for bdays and celebrations (need about a week prior notice of order)
    - Several open positions 5:30am-2pm

- Staff love bringing in food and taking care of them but have some feedback
  - Lots of sweets, they provided different ideas
    - Nuts, chips & salsa/guacamole, yogurt parfait, trail mix, popcorn, cheese & cracker, veggies & hummus, rice cakes & toppings, charcuterie items, fresh fruits
- Auction Update – Susan
  - Help with Distribution on Dec 5 & 6
    - Sent around the sign up for distribution on December 5th 3:30-5pm, 6th 8-10am
  - Will be using BetterWorld auction site (Nov 3-17)
  - Over 90 committed donations
  - Help with photographing and updating site

### Open Discussion

- Please limit to 3 minutes each speaker

### NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

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If there are any additional items you would like discussed at next month's meeting, please inform us now.

Close Meeting: Next meeting will be held **November 1st**

### PAC's Mission Statement:

Our mission is to promote and involve meaningful parent participation and support in school activities by enhancing communication, enriching ideas, and providing resources to parents, staff, students, and the community.