

**Minutes – PTO Meeting
January 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Manhattan Middle School Library**

I. Welcome – Michele Marshall, Chair

Michele welcomed everyone. Those present were Kari Albright, Libby Black, Barbara Columbo, Mary Dineen, Barbara Dyrmosse, Erica Johnson, Kristin Kusmierck, Annelie Linder-Weterrings, Peggy Livingston, Meghan McCracken, Michele Marshall, John Riggs, Amanda Wember, Deana Zimenoff, and Jamie Zimenoff.

II. Principal's Report – John Riggs

Mr. Riggs reported that school had resumed a week earlier and that rehearsals were underway for the school musical.

He said that Tara Gilboa, the TAG advisor and Student Success Liaison coordinator, had left to take another job over winter break, that he had finished interviewing for her replacement and was checking references, and that the position was 0.6 FTE (less than 0.2 FTE is for TAG), or about 26 hours per week.

The open enrollment deadline is Friday, January 16th. We have had great numbers for the Manhattan open enrollment events. We do not yet know how many students are selecting Manhattan.

III. Teachers' Report: Libby Black, Stephanie Spencer and Meghan McCracken

The teachers thanked everyone for Magic Phoenix contributions. One of the student thank you notes said the funds had bought the school 85 books, which were “the ones we wanted.”

The teachers asked for help from the PTO for field trips, especially keeping track of paperwork. Ms. McCracken, who organized the students' ski trip to Eldora, asked for parents to arrive at Eldora before the students, in order to pick up ski passes before the students' arrival, and also to be present to help students put on their equipment. Some parents who live in Nederland may be available to do this. Plans are to charter a bus, because a BVSD bus would need to be back in Boulder by 2:30, which would cut the skiing time short.

The day before school was out for winter break, about eight students per class were recognized with RISE awards. The school band played, and the staff and students played each other in volleyball.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Erica Johnson

Please see the attached seven pages. Erica reported that we have a good amount of cash and have had relatively little activity since the last meeting. The accounts payable amount includes money that has been designated from the Magic Phoenix proceeds that is still to be distributed. Tonight she is giving the Math Counts check to Ms. Black. For the Winter Social, we expect to spend about \$200, e.g., on popcorn. Money from box tops will fund a sound system. The “total retail fundraising” category includes income from King Soopers and Safeway cards (which have raised about \$1,002 so far this year), milk caps, Amazon Prime, and Whole Foods. We have spent \$3,266 on merchandise to sell in the school store. This is mostly clothing. We have made about \$1,800 revenue from clothing. About \$875 in merchandise is left to sell. So far, we have not yet broken even with sales. For food, we have received about \$1,900 in income and spent about \$2,243.

V. Magic Phoenix (Manhattan's Major Fundraiser): Amanda Wember

We hit our \$30,000 goal. We did not go forward with some fundraising stunts inspired by “ice bucket challenges.”

VI. Winter Social - January 27th: Sara Knight

Please see the attachment for Committee Reports. This will be the 7th yearly winter social. It will be from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

The 360 students run it, the PTO sponsors it, and parents help. We buy ice cream and popcorn. There will be a sign-up for people who want to help.

This year there are no plans for a stage event. We will have an art table, the Dance Dance Revolution game, and possibly a Mexican bingo game. People are encouraged to bring plastic bottles for making a chandelier.

VII. Committee Reports

Please see the attachment for reports on the reloadable grocery cards (Kristin Kusmierек), Longmont Dairy milk caps (Kristin Kusmierек), and the Winter Social (Sara Knight).

VIII. Other Comments or Questions –open time for anyone

A. Field Trips

There are no plans in the works right now for a school trip that would replace the Tall Ships trip. For eighth graders, at least one of the teachers are concerned that a field trip would necessitate missing classes. There are funds from the Magic Phoenix for 7th and 8th grade field trips and/or activities. There was some discussion of a community service day, with, for example, maintaining open space trails.

B. Wireless Microphones

With some additional funding on hand, the school may purchase wireless microphones. The teachers will be consulted on ideas for spending this money.

C. Trip Tracker

There will be no Trip Tracker distributions in January.

D. PEN

PEN plans a body image event sometime soon.

E. Health Classes

The health class includes units on drugs and alcohol (for 6th graders), eating disorders (for 7th graders), and suicide awareness and prevention (for 8th graders).

IX. Upcoming Events

January 17th – Open Enrollment Ends
January 19th – No School MLK Day
January 21st - Winter Bike to Work/School Day
January 27th – Winter Social (PTO Sponsored)
February 19th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 24th – Parent/Teacher Conferences

X. Next Meeting

Next scheduled PTO meeting: Monday, February 2nd, 6:30-8 pm in MMS library