



MES PTO MEETING RECAP

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President's Address: Lauren Valentin

- Welcome everyone!
- Introduction of Board Members
 - President: Lauren Valentin
 - Vice President: Amanda Spalding
 - Treasurer: Michelle Trevino-Talbot
 - Peter Keefe - will take meeting minutes and organize summaries.
 - Communications Chair: Julia Babcock
 - Fundraising Co-coordinators: Justina Ingerson & Emily Potz
 - Staff Appreciation Chair: Justina Ingerson
 - Event Coordinator: Matt Egan
 - Yearbook Co-coordinators: Ryan & Tainá Sindler
 - Grade-Level Liaisons
 - PreK: Jessica Ritchie
 - Kindergarten: Anna Young
 - 1st: Katie Clauson
 - 2nd: Kelsey & Peter Keefe
 - 3rd: Rob Brandon
 - 4th: Geneva Gardner Overview of
- What the PTO has done so far:
 - Back to school lunch
 - Popsicles on the "Playground" + Rock Painting
 - Balloon arch and high fives on first day of school
 - Open House – Rock snake voting
 - Penny Wars
 - Celebrate Mansfield
 - Families created their own blueprint with cyanotape
- Family directory (in progress, will be released soon)
 - 130 families so far, still time to add your family
- Year book candid photos accepted and always welcome
 - If you have a candid photo, please email to the PTO!

Principal's Update: Kate McCoy not present, so today the update was provided by Cindy Fan

- Opening of schools was successful!
- Meet and Greet



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- School Leadership Teams
- Communication Goals and Updates
 - Take home notices
 - Save the Date (sent home in Sept)
 - Teacher newsletters
 - Grade-level newsletters
- After School Clubs
 - Will begin on 10/20 and run for 7 weeks
 - Spring clubs will restart in February
 - Currently, for grades 2-4. K-1 will be considered in spring.
 - Still gathering ideas for clubs, if you have an idea and/or want to help, send to Cindy Fan
 - Flyer will be sent home with take-home notices once ideas are established
 - Clubs are funded within the budget

Superintendent's Report: Candace Morell

- Facility Updates
 - Playground and sun shade
 - Sun shade will be installed soon
 - Natural play scape
 - In progress, using the vision of the kids/teachers but being constructed by professionals
 - Water project
 - Final component installed this summer
 - Sound panels
 - Vendor selected to design and layout sound panels in great hall (cafeteria)
- ScreenAgers – Nov 12, 2025 in Mansfield Middle School Auditorium at 6pm

Community Questions for Superintendent

- Question: Speeders on road near school, can we get additional signage for walker safety?
 - A: Will look into it and ask
- Question: Regarding the water project, will we get copies of the report?
 - A: Once the system is online for a few months, it should become available



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- Follow-up: Will it be continuously monitored?
 - A: Tested every day or periodically according to regulations
- Question: What is the final cost to rebuild the playground?
 - A: Not sure, school building committee will know.
- Question: Any plans to expand pre-K enrollment?
 - A: Current enrollment at 50. Evaluating the current enrollment and if it should increase.

Jeannine Kanadia – Chair Mansfield HRC

- Jeannine from the Mansfield Human Rights Commission (HRC) spoke about what the Mansfield HRC does in our community.
- In addition to human rights, they help to increase inclusion and increase acceptance of others.
- Event at library about indigenous people coming up
- Asking to co-host an event with the MES PTO about HRC, specifically to educate community about indigenous people in Connecticut

Budget: Michelle Trevino-Talbot

- Current bank balance at \$3,070.41
- Raised just of \$2,000 so far this year
- Just over \$700 in costs so far

Fundraisers: Emily Potz & Justina Ingerson

- Harvest and Heritage Festival
 - 23 confirmed prize baskets
 - Compared to last year's 17, pretty good!
 - 14 cultural volunteers for
 - Still need more volunteers, particularly general volunteers
 - QR code in take home notices is for sign-ups
 - Question: Are community member volunteers allowed? Answer: Yes!
 - Still need donations for food
- Lyman Orchard Pie fundraiser
 - Flyers have been sent out in children's folders
 - Will be ready on Nov. 14th, fundraiser ends on Oct 22nd
 - Goal is to raise \$4,000 this year, currently have raised >\$300



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- If pie isn't your thing, you can order pies for the Covenant Soup Kitchen or donate.

Open Floor:

- Summer Swag is in and will be distributed to children in classrooms (or pickup after PTO meeting)
- Question for the superintendent: What is the anti-bullying policy for school?
 - Answer: Concerns about bullying should go to the principal first.
- Question for PTO: What is the goal of the PTO?
 - Answer: See our website mission statement!

Coming Up:

- Pie-in-the-face for 2nd graders on Oct. 17th and PJ day for **everyone**



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Next Meeting:

 **Monday, November 10th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM**

 MES Great Hall

 Free pizza & childcare – bring a friend!

 Everyone is welcome – your voice matters!



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2874156259541372>

Private group – answers to membership questions are **required**:

- To ensure that only parents, guardians, and staff from our school community are granted access
- Minimize the risk of unauthorized individuals joining the group
- Maintain a safe and respectful environment for sharing school-related news, events, and photos



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