



**Strategic Plan Objective
Monitoring Report
Objective 1C**

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Proficiency Indicators:

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- Student voice is routinely sought out and included in community planning and community events.

Rubric:

Objective	Approaching Standard	At Standard	Above Standard
<p>OBJECTIVE 1C: Mancos School District regularly communicates with the town, local businesses, and local organizations and encourages partnership opportunities.</p>	<p>Annual reports to the board provide little to no evidence of communication and partnership with the town, local businesses, and local organizations.</p>	<p>Annual reports provide updates to the board regarding communication and partnership with the town, local businesses, and local organizations.</p>	<p>Annual reports provide updates to the board regarding communication and partnership with the town, local businesses, and local organizations. Reports reveal that these partnerships result in opportunities for our Mancos School District students.</p>
	<p>There is little to no evidence of student voice and participation in community planning and community events.</p>	<p>Student voice is routinely sought out and included in community planning and community events.</p>	<p>Student participation is routinely sought out and included in community planning and community events.</p>
<p>October 2023 Board Report</p>			

Superintendent's interpretation: Mancos School District creates relationships with town officials, the business community, and non-profits through regular meetings. These meetings create opportunities for students to intern, volunteer, and guide town and community decisions.

2022-2023 Rating: Not reported

2023-2024 Rating: At Standard

Rationale:

Rubric Standard 1, At Standard: Annual reports provide updates to the board regarding communication and partnership with the town, local businesses, and local organizations.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PARTNER WITH OR REACH OUT TO THE SCHOOL

Mancos United – This is an organization started by the school district in 2022 to bridge the gap between the community's social needs and the school district. It provides food, shelter, medical, psychological, and financial support to the community. In addition, it supports youth through other local non-profits e.g., Boys and Girls Club - Summer Hub and the Youth Alliance. Its board members include one district teacher, two administrators, and two school board members.

Mancos Trails Group – The PLC director has been in the process of reestablishing our partnership with the Mancos Trails Group. Robert Meyer from Mancos Trails has been put in contact with Alys Hansen and Eldon Vannest. The Group would like the school's help with:

- Cutting and sanding down steel signs (Shop, Welding classes)
- Repainting sidewalk path markers (middle school, Art Honor Society, National Honor Society)
- Rerouting the trail near the Early Learning Center
- Utilizing the kiosks for school display purposes

In addition, the Group would like to meet with the school and the town to discuss establishing the trail around the drainage in the back of the school.

In the past, our 3rd and 4th grade students painted footprints on sidewalks to mark the path of the trail. They also conducted research about local animals, and their work was displayed in the kiosks along the trail.

School Community Youth Collaborative (SCYC) – SCYC is in the middle of their third year of partnership with the district. They are funding our afterschool programs, which include tutoring, coding, running club, music club, bike club, kayaking, and more.

Montezuma Youth Alliance – The school social worker leads a weekly skate club in partnership with MYA and SCYC. Last year, MYA partnered with the schools to send a group of middle and high school students to the Snowboarding Outreach Society (S.O.S.), a Purgatory Ski Area program that instills core values through snowboarding.

Mancos Gear Library – This year, the Gear Library is supplying the school with bikes, helmets, and other gear for our after school SCYC programs, including the bike club. One of our high school students is an intern with this program.

Mancos Conservation District – Sensa Wolcott, in her position with the Mancos Conservation District, taught several lessons at the elementary, middle, and high school last year. With the third grade, she taught lessons on erosion that included a field trip to Cottonwood Park. She partnered with Alys Hansen and the elementary students to make posters about conservation as a part of a poster contest. The top three winners went to the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts conference. She conducted a consensus workshop with middle school students in Meagan Higinbotham's X-Block to create a vision for stream management. This included students envisioning what they want the Mancos Valley to look like in 10-25 years. Finally, she conducted River Watch lessons once a month with the high school chemistry class and Peter Fogg. This year, she's again doing the poster contest and she's partnering with Josh Dalley's freshman class for their PBL unit.

Town Administration – The superintendent meets monthly with the town administrator and has met with the mayor.

Deer Hill Expeditions – Deer Hill provided cabins and meals for the 6th grade beginning-of-the-year "Welcome to Middle School" field trip, which was funded by Mancos United.

Medicine Horse – Medicine Horse provides equine therapy for several small groups of students in our district.

Mancos Days – Students of all ages refereed and marked the field for baseball and softball games, and the Cheer team ran a game booth.

Mancos Cowboy Half-Marathon, 5K, and Fun Run – Several of our students participate in the 5K and the fun run at this annual event. The event also has a team category in the 5K, and school teams have traditionally won the trophy. There is usually an elementary team, a middle school team, and a high school team.

Mancos Public Library – The art classes and Art Honor Society painted a library drop box which is kept at the school so students can return books without walking to the library. Art students also painted a storage container of the library's. Additionally, the library provides monthly storytime at the preschool. Both MELC and MPL promote the Week of the Young Child recognized in April.

Mancos Common Press – The school donated student artwork to the press. In exchange, the press covers the cost of field trip expenses there. Several Mancos students practiced screen printing with street artist Saba this summer.

Mancos Creative District – Elementary students created tree decorations for the tree at the corner of Grand and Main. The Creative District sponsored a student booth at the Burro Fest and at the Mancos Art Market. Students at MELC participate in music sessions with Julie Hartline, part of a grant through the Mancos Creative District.

Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce - Local businesses support CTE pathways as Advisory Council members, program volunteers, and through cash and in-kind donations. The Superintendent is the President of the chamber board.

Mancos Opera House – Student art was shown in the Opera House. High school students are excited about the prospect of holding a dance in this space.

Montezuma School to Farm - This organization provides monthly garden classes PK-5 with established gardens, one at the preschool and the other near the football field.

Willowtail Springs – High school art and Outdoor Education students helped Willowtail Springs build an arboretum.

Dolores River Boating Association – This organization provides programming for our students in the form of guest speakers and field trips. Recently, the 5th grade went on a field trip focused on river exploration.

San Juan Mountain Association – Like DRBA, this organization partners frequently with the school to provide guest speakers and field trip opportunities. Recently, the Art Honor Society took a field trip to Canyon of the Ancients National Monument to make yucca paint brushes.

Scholarships – Mancos Masonic Lodge, Empire Electric, Tim Cooper Memorial, Stewart/Watson/Wheeler, Montezuma County Sheriff's, Women's PEO, Clampers, Colorado County Clerks Association, Ladies Auxiliary, Durango High Noon Rotary, Onward Foundation, Mancos Boosters Club, Southwestern Colorado Livestock, Kiwanis Memorial, Four Corners Board of Realtors, Create 81328, Nellie Patterson, Mancos Valley Lions Club, Dolores State Bank, Four Corners Bar Association, Cortez Colorado Grand, MVBCH, Cortez BPOE 1789 Local Elks Lodge, Mildred Friendship Club, Colorado Water Officials Association, TRIO, Marj Martinson Memorial Nursing, Summit Ridge Women's Club, Cortez Emblem Club #261

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PARTNER WITH OR REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

National Honor Society – This group of juniors and seniors conducts several service projects that benefit the community throughout the year. These include two to three blood drives per year; manning an aid station and lining the course at the Mancos Cowboy Half-Marathon; and wrapping and delivering presents for the Giving Tree. This year, the group is also considering a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat or haunted house.

Emerging Leaders – This high school elective challenges our high school students to find ways to support our community. Two students worked to gather donations from community businesses in order to fund ways to celebrate and appreciate our teachers. The town hall was one of those organizations. The students also cleaned up the skate park and created blueprints for its improvement. They shoveled snow for elderly community members. Much of this was through a collaboration with Montezuma Youth Alliance. Riddle, the coordinator of this class, reports that it was challenging to match the time of this class with the needs of the community.

Art Honor Society and Art Students – In addition to other activities listed in this report, these students have painted murals around town, painted the storage container in Cottonwood Park, and are looking forward to painting a mural on the side of Fahrenheit Coffee. They have been asked to update the social justice posters outside of the library.

Student Council – For Homecoming 2023, the student council has made a connection with Heather Alvarez and Jason Armstrong which has evolved into a great deal of coordination with the town and with Boosters. Student council leaders have visited most every business in Mancos asking them to decorate their businesses in blue in exchange for advertising at sporting events. The town donated \$500 to help pay for decorations after a student presented in front of the board on behalf of the student council. Businesses have donated rebar and burlap for the bonfire. Businesses and organizations have been invited to be a part of the parade, and the VFW is leading the parade this year.

Internships and Work Study – Our high school students are partnered with the following businesses, organizations, and individuals:

Groundbreaking Construction	Alpacka Rafts
The Town of Mancos	Anvil Construction
Columbine Bar & Grill	Martin Built Homes
Z's Performance and Repair	B & N Repair
Stacked Realty	P & G Construction
The Mancos Early Learning Center	The Mancos Gear Library
Crazy Horse LLC	Summit Clothing

Additionally, 8th grade students are conducting job shadows as a part of their Career elective with the following businesses, organizations, and individuals:

Southwest Health System	Maxwell Development and Construction
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Regents Real Estate Group	Jennilynn Lawrence
Katie Cahill-Volpe	Sew by Sew
Diesel Tech	Snooty Pets

Culinary's Thanksgiving Lunch – Last school year, students in the Culinary elective prepped and prepared the Thanksgiving lunch for our parents and wider community.

Athletic and Activity Sponsors – Alpaca Raft, Empire Electric, Superior Auto Supply, Southwest Signs and Graphics, Dolores State Bank, G. Bruce Chilcott C.P.A., Absolute Bakery, Fahrenheit Coffee Roasters, Southwest Health Systems, Brand Central, P & D Grocery

Rubric Standard 2, At Standard: Student voice is routinely sought out and included in community planning and community events.

CASB Leadership Strand – Five students were selected based on their demonstrated leadership ability to attend the Colorado Associate of School Boards Leadership Strand in December 2023.

CASB Tour Guides – Several of our students served as tour guides when local school board members attended a CASB meeting at our school.

Mancos Board of Education – In the spring of 2023, Victor Figueroa and Todd Cordrey conducted a student forum focused around the school district's activities and methods of support. The purpose was for the board to understand if the school district was meeting the needs of high school students with regards to their futures. Students were asked what their plans were going into middle school, high school, and post-secondary and whether they felt the school district was meeting their needs. One result was that students expressed dissatisfaction with the length of their lunch. The 2023-2024 master schedule reflects a change in the length of lunch from 30 minutes to 37 minutes.

Student Town Trustee – The town council and the school district are currently in the selection process for a student trustee. The student will sit on the town council as a non-voting member. There are three candidates who will be interviewed on October 25th.

Student-led Community Discussion regarding Social Media – In spring of 2023, several high school students led a community discussion about social media and phone use. The conversation was frank, well-attended, and well-received.

SCYC Youth Leadership Council – Angela Adams from School Community Youth Collaborative (SCYC) presented the Youth Leadership Council opportunity to all high school students through a Zoom meeting on September 7, 2023. Currently, no Mancos students attend these monthly

meetings, possibly because the meetings are in Cortez and our students have difficulty with transportation to and from.

Students as Mancos Days Leaders – A student in middle school organized a wiffle ball tournament during Mancos Days this summer.

April Fool's Day Fun Run – A student in middle school organized an April Fool's Day Fun Run for the community. Approximately 25 community members participated, and the student raised funds for the middle school PBIS rewards budget.

Jay Talks – A few students in Emerging Leaders create TikToks to announce events in the school. These are also shared on Facebook. (This has been included because although this is not “student voices being sought,” this is an example of students’ voices being used to share matters that are important to them.)

Needs and next steps:

- We should seek to foster even more opportunities for student voice and participation in the community. The student-led social media night was a success; perhaps the middle school and high school could find more ways such as this to get student voices into the community.
- Assistance in community coordination and communication is needed.
- Katie Cahill-Volpe suggested that the school board might be able to pick up some of the linkage between the school and the town. Another suggestion was to add a student as a non-voting board member similar to the town’s student trustee.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: I certify that the information contained in this report is true and I am in compliance with the provisions of this policy.

Signed _____

Date _____

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