

**Mars PTO Meeting
March 3, 2015**

***** PTO please contact Susan about your intentions for next year.*****

In Attendance:

Susan Cable
Alison Painley
Karen Goul
Amy Riggio
Tracey Smith
Karen Harvey
Jacki Kearney
Kiley Commesso
Tracy Ashbaugh
Katie Ray
Dayle Ferguson
Michee Krafano
Cara Schultz
Kim Astbury

President's Report:

March 2-5: PC Read Across America Week
March 4: 6th Grade Open House 6-8
March 5: 5th Grade Spring Open House 6-8
March 6: Act 80 Day
March 10: Centennial Teacher Luncheon Planning
March 12: Centennial Science Fair/MS Open House
March 13: Centennial Spring Party (6th: 1-2, 5th: 2-3)
March 18: Sarris Candy and Market Day Delivery
March 19: MAE Family Literacy Night
March 23: Spirit Wear Delivery/ Family Night at MAE Book Fair
March 24-27: MAE Book Fair
March 26: Social Media 101, 9:00 am and 7:00 pm, MS LGI Room

Susan is still working on the PTO directory disclaimer.

Susan received a call about having paid ads in the Meteor.

Kindergarten assessment is on April 23rd and April 24th. We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Contact parent rules revision meeting will be after March 21st.

No date yet for the Planet Foundation meeting in March.

Approval of February 2015 Minutes

Treasurer's Report:

- We are doing well.
- Inflated because Sarris Invoice has not been paid yet.
- Field trips checks are being cut- will be on next month's reports.
- Amy needs decorating receipts for reimbursements.
- Amy needs to check on Barnes and Noble.
- \$1000 in assembly budget- Mr. Zaccari will use it. In discussion about what he will use it for.

Principals' Reports:

- **Mr. Lape:** not present
- **Mr. Zaccari:** not present
- **Mr. Kostewicz:** not present

Teacher Liason- Miss Commesso:

- Decorations outside of the library at PC need to down by March 31st.
- Thank you from the teachers for Science Fairs.
- Teachers don't like to come back from the field trips early. They are asking about alternate bus companies. Myers does not have enough drivers.
- Ms. D'Andrea needs help with hanging up artwork for the Art Show. There is a Volunteerspot site set up.

Valentine's Day Party Wrap-Up:

- The parties went well.

Science Fair:

- The MAE fair was a success. 265 students participated.
- The Centennial Fair will be on March 12th.

Sarris Candy Sale:

- Orders will be delivered on March 18th. Pick up starting at 3:20 in MAE cafeteria.
Email blast will go out.

Spirit Wear:

- Closed on February 25th. Pick up is March 23rd from 3:30-7:30.

Centennial Spring Party "Think Spring!":

- Jacki, Alison and Susan Cable planned the party. All about spring.
- Asking kids and volunteers to wear bright colors.
- Charging 50 cents per slice to cover cost of pizza.
- Volunteerspot is up- email blast will go out tomorrow.
- Pizza is ordered, DJ is set.

Change Wars/Book Fair:

- Monday, March 16th- Friday 20th.

- Mon- pennies, Tues-nickels, Wed- dimes, Thurs- quarters, Fri- dollars
- Cara Shultz suggested kids getting a fish to put their name on when they donate for the change wars. They can be hung up at the Book Fair.
- Counting change- Katie, Alison and Susan C. on March 20th around 10:00.

Field Trip Updates:

- The zoo is coming to the PC. We have time to fill- zoo will cover 45 min. Tracy decided on the zoo, a story and a snack. Three parents per classroom.
- Craft- wooden snakes. The kids will paint with watercolors. \$10.99 for 12 snakes and we have to buy paint.
- Snack- Lays chips, Oreos, and Capri Sun or water (depending on cost)
- Book- Miles and Miles of Reptiles- Dr. Suess
- 96-98 Pirate tickets have been ordered from parents. May extend deadline.
- Tshirt orders are all in for shirts. Need Kindergarten ones sooner.
- Nurse- Tracy needs to contact agency. Times would be from 8:30-2:15.
- Parent chaperone checks should be cashed now. If something comes up and they can't go, they will be refunded.
- Field Trip clearances need to be in by April. Need to clarify that the forms go to Lori Kennedy in administration.

Teacher Luncheon Planning:

- MAE met on Feb 26th. Karen said it was a good start. Theme: "Take Me Out to the Ballgame". Second Meeting will be on March 19th at 11:00 at McGinnis.
- PC meeting: March 12th. Same theme as MAE
- Centennial meeting: March 10th at 11:00 at Mango Bean. Circus theme.
- We have a Troy Polamalu jersey to raffle off to all of the K-6 staff

Field Days:

- Centennial is on Tuesday, June 9th.
- MAE is on June 3,4,5. Not sure what grades on which days.
- PC is on Friday, May 29th.

Open Forum:

- Mars New Year: June 18-20, 2015. The Mayor left some flyers at the Science Fair.
- Karen emailed 60 contacts at PC asking for input about contact parents, etc. She received three replies. Karen will forward it to Jody so she can send one out.
- Holiday Shop: Karen H. and Karen G. talked about J. Robins and signing up early.
10% sign up discount and a \$300 credit per school (up from \$150 per school). We will decide by our last meeting in May. They also talked about maybe buying a

- few things on our own like bookmarks and posters in bulk to sell.
- Cara Shultz also let us know that J. Robins has games we can rent for parties, etc. They are on his website.
 - Talent show is on May 1st.

Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, April 7 @9:30 a.m., PTO Room (218 Centennial)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:41.