

## Mars PTO Meeting October 2014

**In attendance:** Rachel Steigerwald, Susan Cable, Jessica Black, Tanya Yoshioka, Susan Tirsch, Tracey Smith, Todd Lape, Alison Painley, Stephanie Myler, Michelle Stevenson, Jacki Kearney, Amy Riggio, Jody Gagnon, Lisa Kumpfmiller, Karen Goul, Kimberlee Rackley, Jennifer Lyker, Karen Harvey, Dayle Ferguson

**Meeting started:** 7:09 pm

### **President's Report:**

- Committee chairs please get in touch with your volunteers that signed up
- Field day: We cannot use the concession stand, but we will NOT be charged to use the MAC
- Thank you from Janitor
- 6th grade DVD: Now is the time to find someone to do the DVD. Now is the time to find someone to help with this event.
- Finish Line Boosters want to know if we can sell their bandanas. Decided against selling the bandana, but instead might advertise the sale in the meteor.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

October 10th: Box Tops cutting and Yearbook presale starts  
October 13th - 17th: Book Fair, Family night  
October 15th: Market Day/Spirit Wear Delivery  
October 17th: Hats for Heroes (grade 2 through 8)  
October 20th: Two hour delay  
October 24th: Centennial Fall Festival (6th 1 to 2 pm, 5th 2 to 3 pm)  
October 27th: HS Trick or Treat (5 to 6 pm)  
October 29th: Meteor articles are due for November  
October 30th: PC Fall Festival  
October 31st: MAE Fall Festival  
November 4th: PTO Meeting 9:30 am, PTO Room  
November 7th: Act 80 Day/conferences

**Approval of September 2014 Minutes:** Rachel Steigerwald moves to approve, Tracey Smith Seconds.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

March for Mars: net \$38,330

Spirit Wear: negative because we've ordered and not have the sales yet  
Field Trip: 6th grade rope's course is now \$2000. This will be a yearly expense.

### **Principals:**

Mr. Kostewicz: (not present)

- \$4800 going to buy iPads and will develop a mobile media center

Mr. Zaccari: (not present)

Mr. Lape:

- Decorations look beautiful
- Talent Show is May 8th
- 6th grade field trip May 27th PNC Park
- Discussed 5th grade switching to Monday
- Asked to figure out a day for the science fair

**Teacher Liaison:** Miss Commesso (not present)

**March for Mars Wrap-up:** Discussed the budget, success and asked for any criticism.

**PTO Vacancy:** Kim Cenci our PTO Secretary resigned her position. According to our by-laws the President will recommend someone. Susan Cable suggested Susan Tirch to become Secretary and we voted unanimously for Susan Tirch to take over as secretary. Susan Tirch will be staying on as PC building chair for the time being.

### **Contact Parents:**

- **PC:** 3 contacts per class (ALMOST). In a handful of classes they are trying to find more helpers for parties.
- **MAE:** All positions are filled. Two Valentine parties are missing a parent. Jodi thinks we need to look at our contact parent rules to revise them and make them clearer.

**Book Fair:** Doing great with volunteers. There will need to be a volunteer at the door for family night to open the door. There is a scheduling problem with some of the classes because they are in their "switch class" at the time. Rachel is resolving all those problems ahead of time. We have vouchers for kids who are unable to shop at the book fair. Rachel has the list of students to provide vouchers to. Likewise we do this at holiday shop, but have a shortfall of funds from the vendor. Susan Cable asked the PTO to consider funding the shortfall. Amy Riggio proposed we take it out of the revenue from the Holiday shop to pay for the vouchers. Motion to made to make Vouchers equal and it was approved.

**Centennial Party- October 24th:** Mr. Dorsch coming to DJ, snack was approved by the nurse, Mr. Lape will send out letter regarding costumes, use volunteer spot to sign up to volunteer. Discussed using cups and water jugs instead of asking for water bottles.

**Box Tops:** Starts tomorrow, October 10th and lasts through the 24th. 9:30 to 3:00 in room 218 at centennial. There is one winner per grade that receives a pizza lunch and kinder will receive vouchers for holiday shop.

**Yearbook:** Pre sale has started and runs through the 24th. Tomorrow, October 10th, the online ordering system goes live. The price is \$12. The last chance sale will be in February.

**Spirit Wear Update:** Sold 421 orders. 1269 items and \$26000, our profit was \$2261. Pick up is October 15th. There are 8 volunteers coming to help, starting at 5:30.

**Directory/Email blast list:** Should be out by the end of the week.

**Sarris Candy:** Sarris is 35% straight profit no matter how much you sell. Betsy Ann is tiered profit. Karen Goul suggested we do not change. We will discuss and vote in November whether or not we want to change candy companies.

**Open Forum:**

- Invited to the Diversity and awareness committee. Dates are TBD. Kimberlee Rackly will share those dates when they are in place.
- Thanked for having a night meeting.
- Suggestion for spirit wear to have “send home with child” option
- Suggestion for teacher appreciation week. Give each child a flower to give to their teacher.
- Science Fair for MAE is February 26th

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:22 pm