

**Mars PTO Meeting
February 2016**

Attendance:

Tracey Smith
Amy Reinhart
Heather Johnson
Jacki Kearney
Dayle Ferguson
Karen Harvey
Tina Richard
Michelle Stevenson
Karen Goul
Jessica Black
Susan Cable
Michelle Krafjack
Rachel Steigerwald
Sandy Becker
Amy Riggio
Tanya Yoshioka
Kristen Ondedalega
Alison Painley
Katie Ray

Meeting began: 6:59

President's Report

Upcoming dates:

- February 11th and 12th- PC and MAE Valentine Parties
- February 12-26 Last chance yearbook sale
- February 16- Sarris Candy Orders due
- February 22-26 Change Wars
- February 29-March 3- Book Fair

New 2016-2017 school calendar is posted on Edline.

Field trip clearances: Policy will be revised over the summer. The new policy will be that if you have lived in PA for less than 10 years, you will need FBI clearance.

Currently it is less than 3 years. Also, field trip chaperones do not need Child Abuse

clearances. Susan will double check with Lori Kennedy about how long clearances last if you had them done in 2013 and 2014. The school board is redoing their entire policy manual. A number of policies will start in the new school year.

Field trip busing for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades will have extended time until 2:00. 4th grade does not need extended bussing.

6th grade t-shirt designs: due February 12th. February 17th, Tanya and Sandy will do the judging. Winner announced on the 18th.

Castle Game and Toys have contacted us. Karen H. has checked with them. We may take some of their ideas to the current vendor.

Jason's Deli- Community partner. Will do Spirit Nights. They do deliver to the school.

Need to start thinking about openings for next year on PTO.

Approval of January 2016 Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Not a ton of activity in January.

Starting to pay for Field Trips

MAE and PC received special project money

Box top expenses were put in Operating Expenses (supplies).

Science Fair

Centennial Fair is on March 9th. So far, we have about 20 students registered, Susan C. and Tracey spoke to the 5th and 6th graders. Two flyers and an email blast were sent out.

MAE Fair is April 5th. The parent meeting was on February 3rd. About 75 parents total attended the two meetings. The Scientific Method form is due on March 11th. Forms are on Edline and the PTO website under events.

Book Fair

February 29-March 3rd

Change Wars February 22-26: That money is dollar for dollar that Scholastic matches to donate books to kids who need them. Peace is the theme.

We have to charge sales tax because the parents and kids are buying the books, not the school. We use our profit to purchase books for the h. We would use our profit if we didn't charge sales tax.

Sarris Candy Sale

Flyers were sent home February 29th. Orders are due February 16th. They will be delivered March 17th to the MAE cafeteria from 3:30-7:00.

Field Trip Update

All of the info is in on the FB page and on the website. Teachers decide how to pick their chaperones.

Field Day Update

MAE: May 26th- 2nd Grade
May 27th- 4th Grade
May 31st- Centennial
June 1st- PC
June 2nd- 3rd grade

Open Forum

6th grade DVD: Instead of a DVD, Jessica was thinking of taking a photo of the whole 6th grade class. We are going to move away from the DVD. Thinking about new ideas.

GE Apples for Students: MAE earned \$1054, PC earned \$989. School will get a check instead of a catalogue to order from.

Spirit Wear

Teachers have picked their colors.

Centennial teachers were ordering YS. They have until Monday to revise their orders. PTO is offering a gold or navy t-shirt to all staff members (other than classroom teachers). A lot of responses have come in for orders and also thanking us for giving them shirts.

Scanning

Party scanning is an issue again. We need to be backed up on our deadline. Dayle will mention it again to Dr. Shipley. It was brought up to set a fall date to be scanned by in order to attend the parties.

Teacher Luncheon

Volunteer meeting is Thursday, February 18th at 10:00. Location to be determined. All three planning meetings together- same theme. Rio Olympics.

Talent Show

April 1st at Centennial. Rehearsals are March 1st and March 3rd from 3:30-5:00.

No information yet on the Centennial clubs.

Meeting adjourned 8:17.