

Mars PTO Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2016

Attendance

Introductions

- Lee Ann Riner introduced herself. She will be joining PTO (replacing Jenn Pro who moved). Lee Ann will run the Spring Book Fair; we will vote to approve her at the Jan mtg.

President's Report

- Book Fair March 20-24 at MAE; Family Night will be Thursday night March 23rd during Open House (clean up Fri AM). If we hold a Family Night Book Fair event, we probably will not do "Change Wars" – will decide at upcoming meeting
- Dr. McMahon is ordering the iPads with the money PTO donated to the school district
- We are working with Mr. Fox and Mr. Kostowicz to finalize the PTO donation of the recess equipment for Centennial (basketballs, footballs, Frisbees, soccer balls, bin with combo lock) Total donation to be under \$1000
- Per Dr. McMahon – no food at Holiday or Spring Parties at Centennial; will plan a big party with more games, perhaps a photo booth for the Spring Party
- PTO Event at Lemieux Sports Complex – looking at holding on a Sunday in January (Jan 22nd 2-4PM) \$10 including skate rental; we receive 50% of proceeds. Rachel made motion, Susan Cable seconded to hold the Family Fun Day hosted by PTO at the Lemieux Sports Complex
- Reviewed upcoming dates

Treasurer's Report –

- Amy reviewed budget
- to cut check for \$25,000 to the school district;
- our income tax return is done

Principal's Reports –

- Mr. Kostowicz still no food at parties going forward; will look at adding some new games for the long term

Teacher Liaison – Mrs. Shine

- Suggestion was made to reinstate the Kindergarten "Tug of War" during Field Day
- There was a survey done by parents – some comments included that low income families can't afford to donate for the incentives – like the t-shirts at March for Mars;

also mentioned that costs for clearances are a burden; also asked about coupons for Holiday Shops and Book Fairs = guidance counselors choose who gets the coupons

- We had a discussion about other possible ways to deal with t-shirts but Mr. Kostowicz noted that we will never please everyone; sponsors still will want their name/logos on t-shirts & it is our big fundraiser; also talked about making the Race Day a Spiritwear Day as well

Holiday Shops –

- Susan Cable reviewed Centennial's event; Heather Johnson mentioned that they may need more parent volunteers at PC at the end of the week

Holiday Parties –

- Dec 8th deadline for party food orders; it was mentioned that some contact parents have contacted parents in their class about snacks that their child with allergies can eat – NOT supposed to happen! There will be a Wellness Mtg on Jan 5th at 9AM at the District Office – can discuss issues at this time

Sarris Candy Sale –

- Feb 6-17; pick up date will be during the last week of March

Book Fair –

- Rachel reviewed in President's Report

Spiritwear –

- our Spirit wear supplier would like to sell us the samples that we have used as sample sizes over the past two years at cost

Open Forum

- School Board will hold a combined Work Mtg & Regular Mtg on Thursday 12/8/16 at 5:30PM
- There will be an Opioid Epidemic Mtg on 12/8/16 at 7PM at the High School Auditorium – open to the community