

Mars PTO Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2018

Attendance: Rachel Steigerwald, Jenna Falkner, Amy Riggio, Karen Goul, Jessica Black, Katy Petrus-Chopyak, Jen Chomicki, Tracey Smith, Sandy Becker, Jen Lasch, Kristin Ligda, Laci Yocum, Carly Bartle, Penelope Fox, Dayle Ferguson, Mr. Kostowitz, Mr. Lape, Dr. McMahon, Mrs. Shine,

Call to order – 9:30 Rachel

President Report – Rachel, President

Confirmed the date for Skate for a Cause, Sat Feb 9th 2-4:00. Tickets will be available online after Christmas break. It does sell out. Thanks for everyone who is helping for the holiday shops. Holiday parties are coming up.

Went over important dates on the PTO calendar.

Approval of Minutes – Amy Riggio

November meeting minutes were read and Karen G motioned to approve the minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report – Jessica Black

Budget was distributed. Final number for the Book Fair profit is \$3489.52. March for Mars still has a few invoices outstanding. Field Trip deposits are going out. Reviewed Amazon Smile program.

Principal's Report –

Mr. Lape – Heard good things about the book fair in the gym. The holiday shops will also be held there and should go well. Thank you.

Dr. McMahon – talked about students from the Rachel's Challenge asking for funding for a "Welcome to Mars gift" for new students to the district. The Mars Planet Foundation gave \$500 for grades 7-12. PTO has asked to support K-6. PTO will be asked to donate the spirit wear items. Planet Foundation will purchase the items from PTO. This will start the second semester of the 18-19 school year.

Mr. Kostowitz - Dare graduation is on the 18th at 2:00 for 5th grade. The evening Holiday concert is the 13th. In school concert is the 12th. Holiday shop parent participation was a success. ALICE training was held before Thanksgiving break. Geography Bee is Friday. Thank you for everything you do.

Teacher Liaison- Mrs. Shine didn't have anything to report.

Holiday Shop –

Katy – PC One register slot is open. It was filled by Jen R.

Centennial holiday shop took in over \$8,000 in sales!

Holiday Parties – Heather J, Carly, Karen

They are all set, deadlines set for scanning. Karen may need to ask for additional volunteers. She will let us know once the deadline approaches.

Sarris Candy – We are doing it, it's booked, the dates will be announced soon.

Book Fair - We will have a parent night in the spring. Dates will be announced in January.

Open Forum –

Science Fair - Kristen L – for 5th and 6th she talked about adding an Engineering Design Process. Opening into what the Steam classrooms are doing and robotics. She will go into the Steam classrooms to discuss with students. Karen and Rachel discussed Mars New Year also wanting to get involved in giving students incentives for entering projects into their event. They are needing help to get the word out and advertise. It will take place in May this year.

Dayle Ferguson – School Board President- This evening is a board meeting but at 6:00-7:00 there is an overview of the Middle School renovation project. The architect will be there. A Q&A will follow. Possible relocation of students for next year. Come learn more tonight.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:12 AM