

Mars PTO Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

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

Call to order – 9:30 Rachel

President Report – Rachel, President

Sarris Candy sales coming up Feb 4-19, Skate for a Cause is Sat Feb 9th 2-4:00. Tickets will be available online through a link. It does sell out.

Reviewed dates on the calendar – Valentine Parties, End of yearbook sale is Feb. 22nd Spring book fair – week of April 8, Centennial Spring party March 22,

Thanks for everyone who helped for the holiday shops and parties

Went over remaining important dates on the PTO calendar. Next months meeting is night meeting

Approval of Minutes – Amy Riggio

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

Treasurer's report – Jessica Black

Budget was distributed. \$5169.98 profit for holiday shops! And \$3609 spirit wear sales at the holiday shop.

Field trips invoices are coming in as well as Teacher Support Fund requests. Jessica will order better quality sacks for the field days. Jessica needs two people to do the internal audit after the meeting next month

Principal's Report –

Mr. Lape – Science Fair parent meeting will be taking place at MAE. Thank you for the holiday parties, the kids had fun.

Dr. McMahon – not present

Mr. Kostowitz – decorations that the PTO has in the basement can be left there for future use. Jan 16th taking to students about the science fair. Mrs. Coon will be starting a fitness room - \$8000 needed to make it work. Will be used for indoor recess and more. He is also going to

Open House is April 9 at Centennial

Teacher Liaison – Mrs Shine

Read Across America is Feb 8, 15, 22 need volunteers contact Mrs. Vandehort Heather Johnson will alert contact parents.

Science Fair – Centennial is Feb 28th and MAE is April 4th

Holiday Parties – Heather J, Carly, Karen

The parties went well. Karen thanked her team, especially Jen L who did the photo booth at Centennial.

Sarris Candy – Karen Goul

Feb 4-19. Brochure is going home. Delivery date April 3. 2:00-6:30 for the team, pick up is 3:00-6:30

Book Fair –

MAE is April 8th – April 12, Set up is April 8 and parent night is April 10th 6-8. Centennial is working on April 3-9th, concluding on Open House night.

Talent Show –

Friday March 29 at 1:15 two rehearsal dates are March 5 or 6th in 3:30-5 Centennial gym. Feb 25th entries are due.

Field Trip-

January 19th chaperone paperwork and payments are due. March 1th is the deadline for clearances for field trip chaperones. The board meeting is March 5th for final approvals.

Kindergarten needs set up for April. Mr. Lape said he would help. 3rd grade is set up for Heinz field and PNC park.

Holiday Shops –

Jenn Lee said she needs a replacement as a liaison between J Robins and the school for holiday shops. She also requested the PTO web site needs reworded for holiday shop parent shoppers. Next year at Centennial there was discussion about no parent shoppers. The final decision was to allow parents so more money can be made. They don't have to be green clearance because teachers will stay with the class until all are done shopping.

Open Forum –

Field trip shirts are starting – no new colors this year except for new teachers and those that have shifted. 6th grade t-shirts contest is starting. We agreed that allowing 4 colors is ok. Working on dates for spring online only, shipped only, spirit wear sale.

Welcome packets for new students starting school - PTO will be giving a cinch sack, a statement band, a magnet, note pad, and a pencil. Rachel will drop them off at the admin building.

A new parent attended and our PTO board structure was explained.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:24 AM

