

PTO Meeting

May 14, 2019

Attendance: Jenn Lee, Karen Goul, Jenna Falkner, Amy Riggio, Jessica Black, Rachel Steigerwald, Heather Garver, Cheri Banks, Carly Bartle, Katy Petrus-Chopyak, Kiley Shine, Ivy Buss, Lee Ann Riner, Michele Krafjack, Heather Johnson, Tracy Ashbaugh, Tanya Yoshioka, Dayle Ferguson, Janelle Emanule, Jen Chomicki, Tracey Smith, Laci Yocum, Jessica Randal, Julie Walker, Melissa Gulnac, Liz Samanez-Ali, Jen Lasch, Kim Kivlan, Dorris Weber, Lorrie Southwell, Mr. Lape, Mr. Kostowitz

President report – Rachel attended a Centennial 5th grade Girl Scout presentation to propose a project to improve the Centennial playground area. She felt it was well done and well thought out. They are proposing several game areas like gaga ball and four square. They have a plan for donations as well. PTO may help with this next year.

Teacher luncheons were very well done. Thank you to everyone who helped! The teachers were very happy with the food, decorations, and prizes!!!

Box Tops are changing for next year. They will be done electronic, with an app. No more cutting! An app will be downloaded and receipts are scanned by the parent. Points are automatically uploaded to the school account. We will need to work to get the community involved in this.

A signup sheet was passed around to sign up for the Kindness Celebration on June 4

Rachel went over all upcoming dates on the calendar.

Rachel was presented with a thank you gift by Karen G from the PTO.

Secretary – Amy R – Read April minutes. Meeting minutes moved to be accepted by Karen G. Approved unanimously

Treasurer report – Jessica B -Budget distributed. T-shirts have been ordered and paid for. Profit from Sarris Candy was \$9680.55. Deadline for teacher reimbursements is the end of the month. Jess handed out reimbursement checks.

Principal report –

Mr. Lape: Thank you for teacher luncheon – it was fantastic and prizes were amazing. Food was delicious. Thanks for field trips work that we do (Tracy) and thanks to Rachel for her years of service.

Mr. K: Thank you for teacher luncheon, and for parents following the rules during PSSAs. Thank you to Rachel and the PTO for all we do. The kids benefit from all the work and effort.

Teacher Liaison, Mrs. Shine – She received many thank you notes for the book fair donations of books to the teachers' classrooms.

VOTE: Motion made to do March for Mars as fundraiser next year. Motion accepted unanimously to do March for Mars as next year's fall fundraiser.

Spirit Wear – Move to use Sports Locker again as spirit wear company. Spring online sale went well. Voted to use Sports Locker next year – online, home shipping only.

Holiday Shop – move to use J Robbins for supplier. Voted in favor to continue with J. Robbins.

Sarris Candy – move to use Sarris candy for vendor for candy sale next year. Motion accepted and voted in favor in use Sarris Candy Company next year.

Night meetings – proposal for only one-night meeting in November. Move to vote for only one-night meeting next school year. Vote unanimously for one-night meeting.

Teacher luncheons: Carly (and Katie) PC teacher luncheon went well. It was well organized, food was delicious. Jen C – MAE teacher lunch went off without a hitch. Jen did a fantastic job. Ivy – Centennial was well done, delicious food, beautiful decorations. Thank you so much to all these ladies and their committees.

Field Trip – Tracey Ashbaugh - Field trips are all going well. Hope for good weather! Secretaries have the list of chaperones and teachers can check that list if questions arise.

Pirate tickets are still available for \$14 for May 23 at 12:15. Just let Tracey know if you want tickets.

Field Days –

PC – Laci Yocum - May 30th Everything is on track. Full for volunteers. Schedules are made and spreadsheet distributed to teachers. Remind parents to bring licenses that day.

MAE - Lee Ann Riner - May 23rd. 2nd grade (Heather Garver), May 28th 3rd grade (Lee Ann Riner), May 29th 4th grade (Heather Johnson). Discussed water jugs and tents. Mr. Fox will announce winners and there will be no paper certificates.

Centennial – Tanya Y. Volunteers will sign up for general helping (separate: water, games, runners and scorekeepers)- will get assigned once they show up. They need to come early and report to the school – not the field. They can drive to the field – it will start promptly at 9:30.

6th grade picture for 2025 is being planned and organized. We have a rain plan in place.

Open Forum –

Dayle Ferguson – thanks for everything to Rachel. Jenna, feel free to reach out over the summer. FYI, board meeting tonight – of interest – community update at 6:00 on middle school renovation project. Education aspects will be covered and pictures of what it will look like will be available. Q&A will be included and board meeting following. New math curriculum will be discussed and reviewed. Overview of 228 construction project and impacts to the school district. Access road that will come near to the PC Center will be discussed – it concerns Mars but PennDot is pushing for it. Revised volunteer policies for next year will also be on the agenda. Dayle was thankful for allowing her to attend meetings and stay connected.

Lee Ann - June will start for the annual background check clearances in the administration building. Green clearances will be necessary for building chairs. The board still needs to approve each person so do it early so it can get done over the summer. For Kindergarten parents, the classroom packets will have clearance information in it. Question arose about start date being pushed back – will that push back teacher assignment letters, orientations, etc.? Probably yes, those will get pushed back to closer when school starts.

Elections- Rachel went over the requirements to be on the board (both building and executive positions). Went over the by-laws.

2019-20 Mars PTO Board:

President: Jenna Faulkner

Vice President: Lee Ann Riner

Secretary: Jessica Black

Treasurer: Heather Johnson

Centennial: Karen Goul, Ivy Buss, Michele Krafjack, Amy Reinhart

MAE: Heather Garver, Jen Chomicki, Katy Petrus-Chopyak

PC: Julie Walker, Carly Bartle, Janelle Emanule, open

Committees:

March for Mars: Jessica Randall

Yearbook – Cheri Banks, Kim Kivlan, Melissa Gulnac

Science Fair- Tracey Smith, Penelope Fox

Box Tops – Amy Reinhart, Michele Krafjack

Field Trips -Tracy Ashbaugh, Jen Lasch, Nikki Williams

Spiritwear – Sandy Becker, Laci Yocum

Website/social media – Jen Lyker

Meeting adjourned!