

# Mars PTO Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2018

**Attendance:** Jenna Falkner, Amy Riggio, Jenn Lee, Karen Goul, Jessica Black, Michele Krafjack, Heather Garver, Alexia Northrop, Jen Chomicki, LeeAnn Riner, Julie Walker, Katy Petrus-Chopyak, Tanya Yokiosha, Amber Rush, Carly Bartle, Jessica Randall, Rebecca Arnold, Lorrie Southwell, Janelle Emanuela, Penelope Fox, Dayle Ferguson, Mr. Kostowitz, Mr. Lape, Dr. McMahon, Dr. Shipley

**Call to order** – 9:30 by Jenna Falkner

**President Report** – Jenna, Vice President

March for Mars is coming up this week at all 3 schools. Thank you for prize sorting help yesterday. Thanks to Jenn Lee for coordinating the book fair at Centennial. In Oct we will be helping Dr McMahon with the ground-breaking ceremonies at the new playground. Congrats to Michelle for the new box tops program success.

She went over important dates on the PTO calendar.

**Approval of Minutes** – Amy Riggio

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

**Treasurer's report** – Jessica Black

Budget was distributed. The March for Mars collection is not quite completed but we did meet our budget number. Spirit wear made \$1709.84 at orientations. Teacher support funds are coming in. Be sure to shop on Amazon through Amazon Smile so PTO can make money on what you order.

**Principal's Report** –

Dr. McMahon – asked about the Teacher Support Fund. Jessica clarified what the program is.

Asked about AM PC parties and timing. Clarified 10:15 -Buddy Benches – make signage instead of putting a bench outside where students don't spread the winter months.

Box Tops- asked for a refresher. The classroom winners at PC and Centennial get a voucher for the holiday shop. MAE gets a voucher for the book fair.

As a result of the Rachel's Challenge she wants to welcome new students coming into the district with a t-shirt or some kind of Mars gift. Asked PTO to sponsor K-6 and will ask the foundation to handle 7-12<sup>th</sup>.

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> is the grand opening of the new playground – ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mr. K – Fall parties – Kids are allowed to wear costumes. Masks and face paint ok but no weapons, no negative political statements. Same format for the party as last year.

March for Mars – looking like rain but can be a that day decision.

Penguins were here yesterday and the program was awesome. Kids were randomly selected to participate. It was great for our school. 2 hockey sticks were left and names will be pulled at the end of the school year to win those.

Dr. Shipley had nothing to report

Mr. Lape – nothing to report

**Teacher Liaison**- Mrs. Shine not present but wanted to share a few things:

Reminder that papers sent home have to be in teachers mailbox by Thursday. PTO rule is by Wednesday. Papers sent home must be preapproved by the building principals

MAE needs another picnic table in the courtyard.

**Box Tops** – Michele Krafjack

We had 136 volunteers help cut box tops. We ended up not needing counting days at the school! Michele announced winners of the box tops contest.

**March for Mars** – Jenna

Only Jessica R present. All schools are good to go and have enough volunteers. A few spots open but PTO members are filling in. First shift is 9:00 so check in should be ready by 8:45.

**Book Fair** – LeeAnn Riner

MAE fall book fair Packets go out this week. Diary of a Wimpy Kid preorders are happening. It will be in the gym and parents will be going in through the side doors by the gym. FYI, Buddy Benches are available through Scholastic catalog. Librarians may be wanting books instead, plus a spot may be better served indoors. LeeAnn is asking for help with setup and tear down. Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – she will send something out to PTO.

**Year Book** – Lorrie Southwell

Karen motioned to make all yearbooks \$15. It was voted unanimously and approved to sell them online only for \$15 (with no early bird discount). Sale will be coming up but no dates are available. Dr. McMahon reminded her to please provide extra books for local law enforcement.

**Spirit Wear** – Tanya

The shop closed last week. 266 orders were placed, \$24,526 in sales, \$3,300 profit. Only 62 orders shipped so 202 orders will be picked up Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. Tanya asked for volunteers for help with pick up night. Enough volunteers raised their hands so she should be good.

**Holiday Shop** –Jenn Lee

The holiday shop chairs are meeting today. We have dates for all three schools. MAE's is in the gym – same as bookfair. All others are the same as last year.

**Contact Parents** - Carly Bartle

All contact parents have been chosen. Fall party planning is being done. No food or treats or small favors allowed at the parties.

**Field Trips** – Tracy A (not present)

Scheduling is going well, and all should be done by next meeting.

**Open Forum** –

Jessica Black - Head building chairs, please clean out the PTO mailbox at your school. We don't need any other fundraising opportunities at this time so ok to throw away all the solicitations.

Jenna - Nutrition Inc is looking for cafeteria workers. Please pass the word.

**Meeting Adjourned! 10:16**