

## PTO Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

Attendance: PTO room at Centennial School

Jenna Falkner, Jennifer Logan, Jen Chomicki, Rebecca Arnold, Lisa Fonzi, Alexia Northrop, Kylie Shine, Heather Garner, Jaime Fairer, Kelly Searle, Lee Ann Riner, Lauren Collins, Misty Cope, Heather Raybold, Rebecca Baker, Jessica Randall, Emily Wiley, Todd Lape, Adam Kostewicz, Nicole McGettigan, Dale Sleeva

Presidents Report:

Next PTO Meeting Tuesday, December 7th 9:30am

We want to thank parents for their generous support of the PTO through donations for m4m. Their generosity during an uncertain time for us helped us reach our goal of covering every field trip and the shirts the students wore on the field trip and to field day.

Thank you to Michele, Emily and Lee Ann for running very successful book fairs to help the librarians purchase books and thank you to all who stepped up and helped when some of us including myself were home ill.

Thank you to Chrisi Harrison for a fun party at Centennial and all who helped her. It worked well including extra parent volunteers to cover the cancellations we got due to quarantines and illness. Thanks goes to the contact parent committee for all the behind the scenes work that goes into following up on who is attending the parties and thanks to the parents who helped with the parties.

We have a little break here before we gear back up for the holiday shops. Pto members Please sign up to help with the registers and help kids shop. Encourage parent volunteers with their clearances to come help kids shop too. If they want to come shop with their kids or send grandma they can sign up as that is just a license scan. Hoping that as we move forward we will not face as many cancellations due to illness, but we need to be prepared that we may need everyone's help to give these kids that joy they get when shopping for the holidays at the school shops.

\*Thank you to the parents who helped with March For Mars, Thank you to Lee Ann, Emily, and Michelle for their leadership on the book fairs, Thank you to Chrisi Harrison for leading the Centennial Parties, and Thank you to the Contact Parents for leading well

Holiday Shop Dates: PC- November 30-December 1, Centennial- December 2-3, MAE- December 13-17

Holiday Parties: Centennial- December 17th, PC- December 21-AM Kinder 9:30-10:30am; PM Kinder and 1st Grade 1:15-2:15 \*Change in times, MAE- December 22 Staggered times (Same as Fall Parties)

Secretary Report:

Approval of meeting minutes by Jennifer Logan

Treasurer Report:

Everything looks great and is on track, M4M Exceeded our goal. (We are able to pay for all field trips, and class shirts for Field Day and Field Trips.) We are talking about a donation for the schools with the additional funds.

Principals Report:

MAE- Thank you for the help with the Book Fair, Bookfair worked very well in the library with one class at a time. Holiday Shop will run similarly, the Kiln came in from last years donation and will be installed between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Thank you for all of the donations and the PTO support is very appreciative

PC- Holiday party time change- 1:15-2:15 will be the new time  
Keystone Church is coming to spruce up the playground at PC, Hometown Heroes Baseball Card program, Holiday Assistance Program

Centennial- Thank you for the help with the Book Fair, Holiday Party was awesome- Thank you, Holiday Shop will take place in an extra classroom vs. the Gym (30 min for each class to participate) Gift Wrapping will take place in the STEAM Room.

Teacher Liaison:

Thank you for the PTO support, Teachers want their voices to be heard regarding PTO donations- a committee option was suggested to ensure all voices are heard, Mars Bethel Field Trip idea was suggested/owner is willing to work with Mars

March for Mars: Prize Status: 4-5 weeks out

Spirit Wear update: Currently collecting Staff Sizes, Waiting on status with Sports Locker on Backordered items, Sports Locker is keeping us updated

Book Fair Wrap up:

Centennial Book Fair- Michele said to thank everyone that helped at cent book fair. Mr. Churilla said it was the best one yet. He is looking to have the Spring Book Fair Apr. 4-8 with Open House on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. so we will need help from PTO mbrs who do not have kids at Cent.

MAE Bookfair-

\$22000 worth of books sold to date, Library worked really well, Thank you to volunteers who stepped up and LeeAnn Riner for her guidance, Looking into Spring options during Open House, Learning Support/Gifted Support were gifted books, looking into wish list options for teachers in the spring-need to adjust how they get books

### Fall Party Round up:

From Chrisi Thank you everyone for helping with the Cent. Fall party. Even if you didn't attend, so many of you offered kind words and reassurance that everything was going to be fine, knowing it was her first party! The holiday party is dec. 17<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendar now. Chrisi is looking forward to another party!

### Contact Parents:

Note Time Change for PC 1:15pm-2:15pm

### Yearbook:

No Updates

### Field Trips:

MAE- 2nd and 3rd grade is confirmed. 2nd Grade Pittsburgh Zoo, April 26,27,28; 3rd Grade PNC Park: May 17,18,19 \*Heinz Field is not booking until March but is working with them to get on the schedule. 4th Grade National History Museum- no confirmed dates but hopefully will have confirmation soon

### Holiday Shop:

Confirmed Dates - see above notes, Scheduling the classes for all 3 schools is the next step, 9 full days of Holiday Shop- all volunteers and PTO on deck, suggestion of HS students coming to volunteer to shop with students- will look into logistics on this

Vote on Recess Equipment for all 3 buildings - Mr. Sleva reached out to us to provide some playground equipment for PC. We want to stay consistent so we reached out to Mrs. Coon who gave us a list of needs for Cent. She recommended getting the items from 5below to save money since the items get left outside or lost. Pricing what she sent us would be around \$150 per school through 5below.

\$150 to each school \*\$450 total. Vote will be conducted on google due to attendance

Vote on Donations to the Schools-Through the years the pto has held onto a buffer to cover the field trips in the event we would have a bad year we could still cover the field trips. When that precedence was originally set when the pto did not have m4m and when m4m was started the first few years did not fully cover the field trips. Now that it does fully fund the field trips, we feel that we need less of a buffer for a bad year. parents exceeded our expectations with the economy taking into account what we thought we would have with us funding the prizes in lieu of corporate sponsors. After reviewing expected expenses Jen has come up with an amount that could be potentially donated to the schools to benefit the students. \$6000 per grade. Vote will be conducted on google due to attendance

Open Forum: Congratulations to PTO Member LeeAnn Riner for her spot on the Mars School Board, Discussed outdoor shade area (pavillion, sunshade ideas)