

PTO March 2022 Minutes

Meeting date MARCH 1, 2022

Attendance: Heather Raybold, Alexia Northrop, Julie Walker, Chrisi Harrison, Jen Chomicki, Carly Bartle, Bree Braunstein, Adam Kostewicz, Lee Ann Riner, Emily Wiley, Heather Johnson, Rebecca Baker, Sara Meisel, Misty Cope, Jessica Randall, Jenna Falkner, Jennifer Logan, Todd Lape, Nicole McGettigan, Kiley Shine, Amy Rodgers, Dale Sleeva, Kelly Searle

President's Report – Next PTO meeting Tues., Apr. 5, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m. Upcoming Dates: Centennial Science Fair Thurs., Mar. 10, 6-8 p.m. Set-up begins at 5:30 p.m. MAE Book Fair Mar. 14-18th during Media Studies classes MAE Science Fair Wed., Mar. 16, 6-8 p.m. at High School Gym Act 80 Day 3/21 (No school) Centennial Spring Party Fri., Mar. 25, 6 th grade 1-2 p.m. & 5 th grade 2:10-3:10 p.m. Centennial Book Fair Apr. 4-6, Family night at Open House Apr. 6th 6-8 p.m.

Thank you to Sara Meisel for coordinating the Spring Party volunteers at MAE & Pc and for managing the volunteer sign-ups for the PC Librarian's Basketball Challenge. Thanks to Julie, Jen, and Jennifer for getting the Two's day pencils sorted and delivered with info on the uniqueness of the day for the teachers to discuss with the students. It was awesome to see the students and teachers dressed in tie dye, tutus, tiaras and ties. A big thank you to the students for all the canned goods they donated on the Two's day and a huge thank you to Jennifer Logan for collecting and delivering those to the lighthouse with a lil help from me. We also appreciated the help from the teachers and the secretaries in collecting the goods along with help from Mr. Lape and Mr. Bob in loading the boxes. Thanks goes out to Janelle and Nikki for all their work setting up the upcoming Science Fairs. I heard Nikki did an amazing job talking with the classrooms and also at the Parent Information Night. Also want to say how appreciated it is that Chrisi and Heather Raybold are stepping in to help with the staff luncheon at centennial with Heather Garver needing to care for her son. Thank you to Jennifer Logan and the teacher lounge committee for getting wish lists created and delivering the donations to the lounges while sprucing things up. A thank you goes to Amber Rush and all who helped her make the talent show a success. It was really nice to have an in-person talent show for the first time since 2019. We appreciate the students putting their talents on display for their peers. They all did great. as we head into the Spring book fairs we ask if everyone could take at least 1 shift on registers or helping kids shop at mae. In order to run successful events, we count on help from our building chairs and committee members. It is also good experience on how these events run and how we handle money for the newer pto members to have that knowledge going forward. Lastly, we will be sending out soon a google form to see where our current PTO board members hope to be on the board for next year so please respond to that when you get it even if you do not plan to return.

Approval of February minutes

Treasurer's Report : On track, \$22,000 cashed for teachers pay teachers, waiting to see how they will use the rest of the money. Ideas include: 45 doc cameras, (Lape) Benches for outside & spruce up rooms for change of scenery for kids (Mr. K)

Principal's Report:

Sleeve: \$15,000 donated during Jump rope-athon, successful Valentine's parties, during read across America week, Brian Richards will be visiting the school to read to students, Michelle Watkins, new nurse at PC from Montour. She is very happy with the Mars community and things are going well. Teacher Feature this month is Julia Langer full time sub

Social Worker of the month is Lauren Kline; giving recognition because their work often goes unnoticed and what they do is so important for the kids that need them

Keystone Church: March 26 to help decorate playground paint and add new nets. They haven given us so much support.

Mr. Lape: Spring parties were a success even with no treats, the kids remember the events and crafts they make. Teachers appreciate the lounge, they are overwhelmed with the kindness and so happy to have a refresh. Canned good collected during TWOS Day was a huge success! Open house 3/3 and a thank you to all the subs for stepping up, it has been a huge help!!!

Mr. K: Read Across America happening this week...finally a 3 buildings on the the same schedule.

Science Fair 3/10 Set up anytime that day. Mr. K will be there for the whole day of events.

3/18 Kinder registration will take place at Centennial. 125 cutoff use to be 106

3rd 9 weeks is 3/22 Spring parties 3/26 4th Graders visit Centennial on 3/29 & 3/30 (6th to give tour)

Would like to brainstorm an come up with an event for the 6th graders to celebrate the transition to middle school. Not formal, just one final event, potentially the last week of school or even the last day. Ideas welcome.

Also, discussion with Mr. K regarding field day and MAC vs. the Centennial decided on the MAC and this is confirmed. Things can possibly change next year, but for now stick with what we are used to doing especially since this will be the first time having this event in two years.

Parents who volunteer in the AM can come back in the afternoon for tug of war.

Teacher Liaison: Kiley Shine...Thank you for the lunch rooms, overwhelmed with support

Update on Teachers pay Teachers: Purchased: Sensory Wall, 6 Beebops, 6 circuits, 6 microscopes, 2 adaptive swings. Still have money to spend, working on making decisions.

Following up on teachers pay teachers: There is a video for teachers to watch it will be available for a month to give them an outline of how to use the website. Subscription starts on 4/1 also have a zoom call with Avella school district, who currently uses teachers pay teachers to get some tips on best uses.

**a few questions from group regarding, what the school district is doing for teachers and why the teachers pay teachers was purchased. It was stated that principals have access to view all the items teacher purchase and view. Also stated that even with everything the school district does for the teachers, many teachers pay hundreds out of their own pockets to have different ways to teach a lesson or decorate a classroom.

Yearbook: PC: No updates all on track, MAE: 78% sold, Nikki uploading pictures to lifetouch, CENT, all on track. Please remind friends to purchase, once the yearbooks are gone, we can not order more. What we have is what we have.

Spiritwear: Update from Sandi: ordering spring inventory for spring events. Spring sale until 3/6, Design for 6th grade t-shirt was chosen, reminder to email teachers to get all sizes for classroom tshirts.

Sarris: \$5,773 in sales so far, \$1,143 profit so far. Sale ends 4/10

Science Fair: CENT 3/10, Janelle sent out volunteer link, judges in place, all good to go.

MAE: Nikki Mcgettigan: 170 people signed up, PITT research students to judge. Kids are very excited.

Book Fair: MAE (Emily Wiley) 3/14-3/18 with a Friday set up, Pto members help will be needed. Confirming delivery date of books with Scholastic. There will be a variety of books/themes to coincide with what Mrs. Godinski is covering in media studies.

CENT: 4/4-4/6 Shop during media studies. Falls during PTO meeting day an Open house too. Please remember to help out especially so members with Centennial students can attend Open House.

Contact Parents: Spring party wrap up: all went well Centennial party 3/25

Centennial is sticking with same plan as previous parties, with possibility of face paint.

--Asking for parents to specifically volunteer for face painting, possible photo booth, sign out kids when parent volunteers arrive to avoid confusion after the party, provide a link of the pictures in a shared gallery

Read across America, (Sara Meisal) thank you for signing up.

TWO'S DAY 2-22-2022: Jennifer Logan

It was a successful day, fun to see the kids dressed up. VERY successful canned food drive a total of 960LBs of food delivered to the lighthouse foundation.

Would like to think of a creative way to help them on a yearly basis.

Field Trip: Lexie: busy time, but things are in order and getting done.

3/1 last day for parents to turn in clearances. Secretaries are working hard on clearances. Teachers will be notified if an alternate is needed, but principal will be the one who contacts parent if their clearances don't pass.

3/8 list of approved clearances 4/12 Alternates will need to have paperwork submitted

Questions regarding Pirate game due to strike, thinking of alternative ideas.

Staff Luncheon: Gift cards, no raffle, cookies confirmed, popcorn confirmed, potentially coffee truck, homemade lunch items donated. The link for donations/volunteer will be sent out in April,

Field Day: MAE : (Emily Wiley) confirmed staying the same as in years past, since we have not done this in a few years we can change format if need be next year.

5/23 2nd Grade 5/24 3rd Grade 5/25 4th Grade

Questions about popsicles: no confirmation on if we will hand out to kids.

Open Forum:

Reminder of Secretary day 4/27 increase the amount of gift card to \$50

Also, reminder of gifts for teachers who are retiring.