

**Mars Elementary PTO**  
**October Meeting**  
**10/11/22 @ 9:30 AM**  
**Centennial Building Room 212**

Attendance: Chrisi Harrison, Jennifer Logan, Rebecca Arnold, Carly Bartle, Lexie Northrop, Lisa Fonzi, Lindsay Kelley, Theresa Vincler, Monique Mayes, Cristen Caricilla, Julia Vuckovich, Rebecca Baker, Keri Mudalgiker, Toni Bleibtrey, Megan McGivern, Alicia Morris-Obalclor, Bree Braunstein, Emily Wiley, Jan Vermilya, Lacey Beyer, Melissa Gulnac, Kiley Shine, Kristin DiGioia, Allison Joseph, Doreen Paese, Jinying Shan, Brooke D'Angelo, Misty Cope, Mr. Kostewicz, Mr. Lape, Mrs. Semler

President's Report Jennifer Logan

- Thank you for staying after for prize sorting. Thank you for counting M4M money and all M4M work, Contact Parent, Spirit Wear, Chrisi and Cent Book Fair.
- March 4 Mars (M4M): PC 10/12; MAE 10/13; Cent 10/14
- Book Fairs: MAE 10/17-10/21
- Fall Party dates: Cent Oct 21; MAE 10/28; PC 10/31
- Picture Day Make Ups (Dates)
- PTO Monthly Meeting Nov 1

Approval of September 2022 Meeting Minutes

Lexie Northrop: Meeting minutes were sent out previously, no corrections were sent in.  
Motion to approve September meeting minutes by Rebecca Arnold.  
Motion seconded by Julie Vuckovich

Lexie Northrop: Changes to board (additions from September meeting)  
Motion to approve by Jennifer Logan  
Motion seconded by Jen Chomicki

Treasurer's Report : Jen Chomicki

- M4M fundraiser close to \$60K
- Teachers reimbursement coming through in paper, still unavailable online

Principal's Reports

- Mrs. Semler
  - Picture Day went smoothly.
  - Thank you PTO for book vouchers for book fair.
  - Excited for March 4 Mars and fall parties.
- Mr. Lape
  - Picture day Thank you PTO for helping - comments that it was smoothest picture day from staff.
  - Fall Party times will be going out to parents.
- Mr. Kostewicz
  - Cent 6th grade mini golf 10/12 and 10/13

- Last year Mrs. Coon taught students how to play golf and Mr. Churilla taught them how to build a golf course.
- Mars Bethel allowing to play for free and the owner is coming to talk to students about course construction.
- March 4 Mars will be on softball field this year.
- Holiday party - masks allowed if appropriate; no props; parents can take kids after party, but please send note in with student.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are November 10 & 11.

#### Teacher's Liaison - Mrs. Shine

- Thank you for providing book fair vouchers.
- Continued thanks for for Teachers pay Teachers subscription - majority going to ELA.
- Continued thanks for for Reimbursement Fund.
- Questions / how do teachers know who party parents are?
  - Jennifer Logan: communication is on its way; we now have enough party parents for all classes.
- Questions / Field Trip Chaperone Selection process / many teachers concerned on new process.
  - Mr. K - Principals will address at Faculty Meeting

#### Centennial Parties

Chrisi Harrison:

- All parents can attend
- Modified lunches to allow PTO to start setting up at 12.
- DJ is Sing Sing Sing.
- Kelly Searle is bringing photo booth.

Mr. Kostewicz: if you see something wrong, let a teacher know. Chaperones are just the eyes. Teachers will correct students.

CH: Same games as last year, some new ones. Need PTO help to clean up.

#### Contact Parents / Lindsay Kelley:

- Working on sending out everything.
- Still waiting from 18 classrooms to send out party parents.
- Q&A sessions had good participation.
- Questions can be sent to email [marscontactparents@gmail.com](mailto:marscontactparents@gmail.com)
- Will send a notification to make sure contact parents send notes to teachers.

#### M4M Updates -

Jennifer Logan discusses prizes - hand clappers and sunglasses for all.

Misty Cope

- All the shirts and towels to classrooms today.
- Thank you for all signed up to come to help.

#### Spirit Wear Sale

Laci Yokum:

- M4M - all prizes ordered.
- Spirit Wear Sale goal is to allow parents to buy, not profit but total profit around \$4K this year.

#### Yearbook

Rebecca Arnold: everyone is in schools taking pictures; lifetouch will send constant emails / order yearbooks now / PTO not ordering a ton extra.

Emily Wiley: did we get emails for all schools?

Rebecca Arnold: find code on lifetouch website - each building has its own code.

#### Book Fair

Emily Wiley: Setting up Friday this week. Thank you for signing up. All shifts filled.

#### Holiday Shop

Jennifer Logan has had contact with vendor and committee previewed items to sell.

#### Field Trips

Keri Mudalgikar: everything in order for Cent. MAE moving along. Thank you to Mr. Lape, everything on track.

Misty Cope: PC waiting on dates.

#### Open Forum

- Lexie Northrop: PTO voted and approved Mrs. Coon's request for playground equipment. All being delivered today.
- Rebecca Arnold PTO Social Hangs
  - October at Bree's House.
  - November - friendsgiving
  - Dec - white elephant
- Lacey Beyer are we able to spray paint bases at MAE for kickball?
  - Jennifer Logan: We will look into it.
  - Laci Yokum: will reach out to person who sprays football field.

Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Logan at 10:13am