

**Mars Elementary PTO
December Meeting
12/6/22 @ 9:30 AM
Centennial Building Room 212**

Attendance: Jennifer Logan, Lexie Northrop, Misty Cope, Mrs. Kiley Shine, Rebecca Baker, Lindsay Kelley, Doreen Paese, Mrs. Kiley Shine, Jen Lyker, Emily Wiley, Crystal Ranson, Jan Vermilya, Keri Mudalgikar, Krissy DiGioia, Mrs. Semler, Mr. Lape, Mr. Kostewicz

President's Report Jennifer Logan

- Next PTO meeting Tues., January 3, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
- Thank yous November volunteers
- Holiday Shop Dates:
 - Centennial last week
 - PC – December 6 & 7
 - MAE – December 12-16; Set up Dec 9
- Teacher Appreciation Room Service Dec 9
- Holiday Parties:
 - Centennial – December 16th
 - PC – December 20th: AM Kinder **9:30-10:30 a.m.**; PM Kinder & 1st Grade **1:15-2:15 p.m.**
 - MAE – December 21st Staggered times
- No PTO Meet up in December - postponed until January

Approval of November 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve November meeting minutes by Emily Wiley

Motion seconded by Misty Cope

Treasurer's Report : Lexie Northrop gives Jen Chomicki's report as she is helping at holiday shop, any questions can be emailed to Jen.

- All is well.
- March 4 Mars total down after all prizes were purchased.
- Holiday Store shows how much was purchased at Centennial but we haven't paid the bill.
- Spiritwear is negative because we purchased more stock items, but will see a check coming in soon from fall sale.

Principal's Reports

- Mrs. Semler
 - Thank you for Room Service
 - Holiday parties at the end of the month
- Mr. Lape
 - Questions on Field Trip from parents - no extensions
 - Busy week with holiday shop - Thanks for everything

- Need more subs on list
 - IU runs classes / Grove city runs classes to be subs
- Mr. Kostewicz
 - First year for parents to shop at Holiday Shop
 - Holiday party Friday Dec 16, send in a note if you want to take your child home.
 - Concerts 2 different nights Mon 12/19 6th grade; Tues 12/20 5th Grade. Would like to get it back to one night next year.
 - Thanks to PTO for everything.

Teacher's Liaison - Mrs. Shine

- Thank you for room service delivery
- What do we do if not enough chaperones after this month?
 - Jennifer Logan: will decide collectively with principals
- Kindergarten teachers asked - can we bring back zoo assembly?
 - Fire station is not very interactive
 - Jennifer Logan: will look into it
 - Mr. Lape: Pittsburgh Zoo would come in
 - Fire Station does a lot of fire safety - important to hear that.
 - Zoo is fan favorite too.
 - Are both possible?
 - Wooden snake craft after
 - possible that zoo brought it
 - Jennifer Logan: we will look into it
- Brain pop
 - Mrs. Semler: District in talks
 - Jennifer Logan: PTO will pause and not purchase Brain Pop until district decides.
 - Mr. Kostewicz: paused on everything to see how IXL was going to be utilized. It is a diagnostic tool. There are other needs in other buildings, it won't be K-6. His staff likes Generation Genius. Not a diagnostic tool, a learning tool.
 - Mrs. Shine - frustration comes in because teachers didn't know.
 - Mr. Lape - his building knew.
 - Further discussion on Brain Pop and whether the teachers knew.
- Emails from teachers regarding Teachers Pay Teachers, will it be renewed?
 - Jennifer Logan: need to look at budget, we had an abundance of money last year but won't this year.
- Mr. Kostewicz.
 - Do we have assembly money?
 - Lexie Northrop: believe so, \$1,000 per school,
 - Clearances: if under supervision of staff, license scan; if roaming around school, have to be green clearance.

Jennifer Logan further updates:

Room service: packaged snacks and will deliver 12/9.

Holiday Shops: Cent went well; PC ongoing, MAE next week

Holiday parties:

- More spaces for volunteers at Cent, Chrisi Harrison will be in gym at noon at Centennial to set up 12/16.
- Lindsay Kelley will send out list of party parents to secretaries to see who has license scan for other buildings.

Field trips

- Crystal Ranson: May 24 for Centennial and secured national anthem - busses?
 - Mr. K.: same thing as last year. Take whole fleet. Leave around 1:30 and come back. Parents taking kids home, send note in, teachers will have a list, parent find teacher to sign out.
 - Lexie Northrop: PTO will fill out bus requests.
- Keri Mudalgikar: all of dates secured.
 - 3rd May 11, 15, 16
 - 4th grade May 8, 17, 18
 - 2nd May 9, 10, 22
- Misty Cope: PC Keystone Safari May 1, 2, 3; waiting for new prices in January to secure contract.
- Kindergarten April 26 and 27 - fire station

Yearbook: Jennifer Logan

Emails to send pictures:

PC: MarsPCYearbook@gmail.com

MAE: MAElementaryyearbook@gmail.com

Cent: MarsCENTyearbook@gmail.com

Mr. Kostewicz will send to Josh (District Photographer)

Science Fair: Jennifer Logan

- Dates: 3/15 - MAE; 3/9 - Centennial - Nicki McGettigan will be in touch with MAE to determine when she can go in to talk to classes.

Open Forum - Jen Lyker ran into Mrs. Furtig in office, she needs hard copy of teacher reimbursement form. Jennifer Logan will send Jen Chomicki a note to follow up with her.

Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Logan at 9:58 am