

**Mars Elementary PTO**  
**February Meeting**  
**2/7/23 @ 9:30 AM**  
**Centennial Building Room 212**

Attendance: Jennifer Logan, Jen Chomicki, Rebecca Arnold, Lexie Northrop, Bree Braunstein, Misty Cope, Mrs. Kiley Shine, Keri Mudalgikar, Kristin DiGioia, Lisa Fonzi, Rebecca Baker, Julia Vukovich, Monique Mayes, Crystal Ranson, Emily Wiley, Megan McGivern, Chrisi Harrison, Jen Lyker, Jennifer Bainbridge, Nicole McGettigan, Doreen Paese, Mrs. Semler, Mr. Kostewicz, Mr. Lape, Dr. McMahon, Jule Fratangelo

President's Report Jennifer Logan

- Next PTO meeting Tues., March 7, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
- Thank yous January volunteers
- Holiday Parties:
  - PC – February 13 AM Kinder 9:30-10:30; PM Kinder and 1st grade 1:15-2:15pm
  - MAE – February 14 Staggered Times
- Centennial Science Fair, Register by Feb 17th for the fair on March 9th, 6:00-8:15 pm
- MAE Science Fair, March 15
- MAE Book Fair March 6-10 - sign up will be distributed soon.
- Centennial Talent Show - March 24th, Rehearsal dates 3/3 and 3/10 3:30-5:00 pm
- PTO February Meetup - February 23 @ 7pm - Favorite Things Party - Rebecca Arnold's Home

Approval of January 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve January meeting minutes by Rebecca Arnold.

Motion seconded by Bree Braunstein.

Lexie Northrop: watch for survey to determine interest for PTO Board and Committees next year.

Treasurer's Report : Jen Chomicki

- Check went out for Holiday Shop, they charged tax but we will get reimbursed.
- Sarris Candy profit will hopefully go up.
- Amazon Smile going away.
- Everything on track.

Principal's Reports

- Mrs. Semler
  - Spring parties next week for K and 1; will be sending out yearbook flier today.
  - Field Trips scheduled.
  - Fun Day May 25.

- Kindergarten enrollment will be changed, all online starting this year; K preview on March 30th. Link will be on district website and social media. March 31st enrollment will be online.
  - April 27 - Watermelon Welcome
  - May 12 - K assessment
- New district initiative for schoolwide positive behaviors.
- PTO can set up for watermelon welcome or K preview.
- Mr. Lape - parties next week, cannot attach anything to cards - cards only.
  - Open house March 2nd
  - PTO can set up
    - Jennifer Logan, will pass on MAE, too busy.
- Mr. Kostewicz
  - Centennial things are popping up.
    - Science Fair 3/9
    - Talent show 3/24
    - Feb American Heart Association - every Friday in Feb some type of theme day.
    - Read Across America, end of month K-6 all doing the same theme days.
    - Miniature golf for 6th grade students. Mrs. Coon and Mr. Churilla opening golf course to 6th grade families Feb 21, 22, 23.
    - Thank you for reaching out to all staff members for shirts for field trips

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

- Sara Coon asked about for volunteers for Fun Day - also looking for volunteers for jump week. Angi and Stacey asked if PTO can run the table. March 6 week.
  - Jennifer Logan: will be in touch.
- Questions about Kindergarten field trips.
  - Misty Cope: Fire house locked in, but looking next year to bring something in.
- PC spring party is on a Monday, can we change it next year?
  - Jennifer Logan: Decided on by school, not PTO.

#### Yearbook

- Jenny Bainbridge: will be sending out emails with fliers. Will be some hard copy fliers in the mail also. Please share to your "Class of" Facebook page.
- Yearbook Codes: ybpay.com order deadline 3/31/2023
  - PC 10831623
  - MAE 1549623
  - Cent 12142023

#### Sarris Candy Sale

- Jennifer Logan: happening now through Sunday April 2
- Rebecca Arnold: will ship within 72 hrs; they will do their best to get it by Easter if you order on Apr 2.

#### Contact Parents

- Jennifer Logan: Lists of volunteers sent to school; Read Across America volunteers sent

#### Centennial Spring Party

- Chrisi Harrison: Spring Party is on 3/31. Can we have the same DJ and activities for end of year party?
- 6th Grade End of year party: will book Sing Sing Sing and reach out to Kelly Searle re photo booth
  - Mr. Kostewicz: June 1st 1-3; PTO parents of 6th grade can attend and help with the picture for 6th grade photo

#### Spirit Wear

- Jennifer Logan:
  - spring sale online/shipped only Feb 10-26, delivered end of March/Beg of April;
  - 6th grade T-Shirt Contest voted Feb 13th, winner announced Feb 14th;
  - waiting for teachers to send sizes for T-Shirts for field trips

#### Science Fair

- Nicki McGettigan: MAE March 15 - has the link ready to send out, will send out a month ahead of time. Next week will send the link out. Will plan to attend MAE and visit classrooms and do a parent Q&A night. Deadline to sign up will be March 7.
- Jennifer Logan: Cent Science Fair underway; run same as last year.

#### Teacher Appreciation Snacks

- Bree Braunstein: packing bags today, delivering on 2/17; will fill coolers morning of and figure out how to get them to the schools.

#### Book Fair

- Emily Wiley:
  - MAE Mar 6-10; - keeping everything the same; it is running itself; going directly to rep for restock; will have a date on delivery the week before, hoping for Friday; class list should go out this week.
  - Cent. March 27-30 (Open House Mar 30)

#### Field Trips Update

Crystal Ranson: Cent is just waiting for it to happen

Keri Mudalgikar: Moving right along; chaperone checks trickling in

Misty Cope: on track, but can we remind teachers to send home chaperone paperwork?

Jennifer Logan and Rebecca Arnold will organize and distribute staff shirts.

#### Teacher Luncheon

- Becca Baker: Cent 5/3; PC 5/4; MAE 5/5

#### Holiday Shop

- Jennifer Logan: we paid over \$2600 in sales tax and we will be getting it back.

#### Field Day

- Jennifer Logan: will be starting to meet to discuss it and will be in touch with Mrs. Coon

#### March for Mars

- Jennifer Logan: committee met to discuss refresh for the event, will hopefully be able to discuss changes at next meeting.

Dr. McMahon Updates:

- Kindergarten:
  - Must be registered in advance to attend Pre-K assessment. will go through process at Kindergarten Preview. Can't hit submit until it opens Friday Morning at 9 AM. 106 spots in AM Kindergarten session; will go on waiting list if do not get in to the spots. No more lottery, no more ticket number. Online first come, first serve. Will give examples of acceptable documentation for proof of residency at Kindergarten Preview. Will still be able to meet with Kris Barr in advance to run through documents.
- If you are looking for ways to spend PTO money or have money at end of fiscal year, she is looking for 1:1 chrome books for MAE. Parents will have to pay device fee of \$50.

Open Forum

Jule Fratangelo: Nanny for family; was told not allowed to attend party, here to find out why; confusion as to double dipping for parties because all alternates have already done a party. Discussions with Jennifer Logan and Mrs. Semler, will review the facts.

Talent Show: Jen Chomicki needs help. Julie Vukovich and Crystal Ranson can help.

Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Logan at 10:25 am