

**Mars Elementary PTO
March Meeting
3/7/23 @ 9:30 AM
Centennial Building Room 212**

Attendance: Jennifer Logan, Jen Chomicki, Rebecca Arnold, Lexie Northrop, Chrisi Harrison, Mrs. Kiley Shine, Misty Cope, Laci Yokum, Megan McGivern, Becca Baker, Mr. Lape, Mr. Kostewicz, Mrs. Semler, Lacey Beyer, Doreen Paese, Sarah Hosack

President's Report Jennifer Logan

- Next PTO meeting Tues., April 4, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
- MAE Book Fair March 6-10
- Centennial Science Fair on March 9th
- MAE Science Fair, March 15
- No School - March 17 and 20
- Centennial Talent Show - March 24th, Next Rehearsal date 3/10
- Centennial Book Fair March 27-31, Family night at Open House March 30th
- Centennial Spring Party March 31
- Thank yous to February Volunteers
- Elections in May
- End of year brunch on last day of school

Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve February meeting minutes by Misty Cope.

Motion seconded by Rebecca Arnold.

Treasurer's Report : Jen Chomicki

- Book Fair on Track
- Spirit Wear shy of budgeted amount
- Sarris Candy still going on
- Amazon Smile - last time we will see that category
- Field Trips - still have money going out
- Science Fair - raised to \$15 gift cards from \$10 and ordering pizza, will go over budget a little
- Money left over from Teacher Cart will go through Staff appreciate week

Talent Show: Jen Chomicki

- Will work on getting inline mic with Mr. Kostewicz
- 36 acts so far
- Going well

Principal's Reports

- Mrs. Semler

- Spring Pictures Monday March 13, fundraiser for Lifetouch, will not be in yearbook
 - Conferences March 20-23
 - Kindergarten preview on March 30th. March 31st official day for enrollment will be online. Only 106 spots for morning session. Waiting list will be added.
 - Open House April 20 from 6-8
 - April 27 - Watermelon Welcome
 - May 12 - Kindergarten pre-assessment, must be registered
 - April 27 and 28, Kindergarten Field Trip to fire station
 - May 1-3, First grade, Keystone Safari
- Mr. Lape
 - Spring party was great, kids had a lot of fun
 - Book Fair going well
 - Room Service appreciated
 - Open House 2000 people showed up, teachers did a great job decorating and displaying
 - Science Fair, Nikki [McGettigan] made a video for
 - Next week, busy week [March 13-17] Spring pictures Monday, Tuesday all 4th graders participating in Pi day, STEAM Day Wednesday - National Honor Society kids from High School set up stations for students to experience, Thursday Irish Dancers
 - Conferences on March 20
 - Mr. Kostewicz
 - Science Fair Thursday [March 9], all welcome
 - Thursday [March] 16, DARE Graduation, open venue, all welcome
 - Talent Show on [March] 24th - only parents and grandparents of those performing
 - Will work on logistics with Jen Chomicki
 - At most 2 hours and 10 minutes
 - Starting at 1 pm
 - Spring Party following week [March 31]
 - Spring open house [March 30]

Teacher's Liaison - Mrs. Shine

- Many thanks for the snacks
- Mrs. Coon thanks for help with AHA and Field Day
- Email from MAE Teacher re adding two Paras to field trip
- When is the deadline from Teacher Reimbursement?
 - Jen Chomicki: Beginning of May, May 1st, ideally have the checks cashed in this fiscal year

Yearbook

- Rebecca Arnold: met our contracted amount for sales for MAE and PC
 - Centennial need to sell more yearbooks to meet contracted amount

- Submit photos within the next 15 days if you have yearbook photos
- Yearbook Codes: ybpay.com order deadline 3/31/2023
 - PC 10831623
 - MAE 1549623
 - Cent 12142023
- Email Jenny Bainbridge with any questions

Spirit Wear: Laci Yokum

- Spring Sale just closed, overall our profit was around \$4500 for both fall and spring sales
- Sales are down, we tried to do different things, but not sure what it is.
- Would like to get back to having sample sizes of some products.
- All T-Shirts are arriving for Field Trips
- Rebecca Arnold: will sort staff shirts
- Laci Yokum: went with Gray or Navy because large price difference for Tye Dye
- Principals ok with Spirit Wear committee taking shirts around building

Sarris Candy Sale: Rebecca Arnold

- \$7,338 sold with profit of \$1,834 as of today
- on track for last year's numbers. profit was \$2,669, in person was \$3,152 so we are not too far off
- Everything online, code was in the newsletter

Holiday Shop: Doreen Paese

- Has been in contact with different companies, found one company that has scanners and a lot more technology
- Jennifer Logan: met as a committee to decide on whether we are making the right choice for vendor, exploring options

Science Fair: Jennifer Logan

- Please email Janelle Emanuele or Jennifer Logan if able to help with Centennial
- Nicki McGettigan also looking for volunteers for MAE

Book Fair MAE: Jennifer Logan

- Going well

Centennial Spring Party: Chrisi Harrison

- will send out sign up

Field Trips Update: Jennifer Logan

- Educational programming confirmed with pirates
- Mr. Kostewicz
 - Leave 9:15, will have 10-12 for educational days
 - 12:20 play national anthem
 - Head for busses around 1:35/1:40

- Parents send note if taking child, sign out at the game
- Chrisi Harrison: can we stay until the end of the game?
- Mr. Kostewicz: yes and can take friends home, just need signature
 - Will send out information for parent tickets
- Jen Chomicki: limited tickets, if we sell out, stadium will be wide open
- Chrisi Harrison: Can help with distributing tickets
- Mr. Kostewicz: usually hands them out so he can visualize where sections are
- Misty Cope: PC chaperone money should be in and will deposit this afternoon

Staff Luncheon: Becca Baker

- Outer Space theme
- Working on sign up list for food and monetary donations
 - will go out by end of month
- local vendor making space themed cookies - for free as a donation
- Mars popcorn for popcorn bar
- Breakfast bar instead of snack cart to avoid disruption for pssa
- Snacks for evening staff
- Gift cards instead of raffle basket
- Luncheon

Field Days: Jennifer Logan

- Julia is PC - met with Mrs Coon will work on draft for schedule in the next week or two
 - going back to 1 group of volunteers
 - Can we have tattoos?
 - Mrs. Semler, no, allergies and sensitive skin
- Centennial Field Day, Heather is in charge, has a schedule, sent draft, 6th grade picture is confirmed for field day and heather will reach out to Josh for photo, Laci, Chrisi and heather will work together
 - Rain date for photo is 6th grade party
- MAE - starting to work on schedule
 - Mr. Lape: reach out to work on it

Open Forum

Rebecca Arnold: any dietary restrictions for brunch, will send out email to check
 Mr. Lape: MAE luncheon will be in gym

Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Logan at 10:06 am