

**Mars Elementary PTO
May Meeting
5/9/23 @ 9:30 AM
Centennial Building Room 212**

Attendance: Jennifer Logan, Jen Chomicki, Lexie Northrop, Rebecca Arnold, Chrisi Harrison, Bree Braunstein, Lindsay Kelley, Mrs. Kiley Shine, Monique Mayes, Misty Cope, Becca Baker, Crystal Ranson, Julia Vuckovich, Carly Bartle, Megan Lenz, Theresa Vincler, Jenny Bainbridge, Heather Raybold, Emily Wiley, Melissa Gulnac, Mr. Kostewicz, Mrs. Semler, Bre Walther, Brittany Hoder

President's Report Jennifer Logan

- Thank yous to TAW Volunteers, April Volunteers, Principals for partnering with us, all volunteers all year, Thank you to Jen Chomicki and Heather Raybold for all their service.
- Field Days: Centennial May 19, MAE 2nd grade May 26, 3rd grade May 30, 4th grade May 31; PC May 25
- 6th Grade Celebration June 1 1:15-3:10
- Field Trip Dates

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| April 26 | Kindergarten Firehouse- Richards, Lump, Wahl |
| April 27 | Kindergarten Firehouse- King, Schuelke |
| May 1 | 1st Grade Keystone Safari- Davis, Diani, Fox ,Huggins |
| May 2 | 1st Grade Keystone Safari- Shuck, Shine, McKee, McElheny, Raible |
| May 3 | 1st Grade Keystone Safai- Rhea, Rios, Duff, Boeh |
| May 8 | 4th Grade History Museum- Smallwood, Flanhofer, Beggs, Davidson |
| May 9 | 2nd Grade Zoo-Kolder, Carchedi, Miller, Gaydos |
| May 10 | 2nd Grade Zoo-Banachoski, Kozak, Renner, Schiffhauer |
| May 11 | 3rd Grade BallParks- McClelland, Thomas, Fenio, Jones |
| May 15 | 3rd Grade BallParks- McCoy, McGroarty, Richards, McMonigal |
| May 16 | 3rd Grade BallParks-Langer, Sondej, Reilly, Morello |
| May 17 | 4th Grade History Museum-Hathhazy, Felicetti, Graff, Lipnicky |

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| May 18 | 4th Grade History Museum-Petrini, Waters, Summers, Fugh |
| May 22 | 2nd Grade Zoo-Wright, Wagner, Sinchak, Haney |
| May 24 | 5th/6th Grade PNC Park |

Rebecca Arnold: Celebration Brunch June 1 at Bloom 10 AM; buffet style, afterwards go to Centennial for 6th grade end of year party.

Approval of April 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve April meeting minutes by Bree Braunstein.

Motion seconded by Rebecca Arnold.

Treasurer's Report : Jen Chomicki

- Inflation hit us harder than expected, over budget, but we have a buffer
- TAW - discussion on amount left in budget, \$775; Becca Baker around \$500 will confirm
- Expenses will likely go up again next year

Principal's Reports

- Mrs. Semler
 - Thank you for an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Thank you to Misty for an awesome field trip
 - PC has pre-K assessment on Friday to wind up incoming Kindergarten events
 - August 16 Kindergarten Orientation
 - August 17 open visitation K-6
 - August 23 first student day
 - Positive behavior training next Monday, will reach out over the summer to involve PTO
 - Thank you for a great year

- Mr. Kostewicz
 - It has been a great year
 - It is great to include everyone of the staff now with the Tshirts and all appreciation events
 - Luncheon was amazing
 - Pirate game - tickets are sold out sections 107-105-103
 - Leaving between 1:30 and 1:40, find Mr. K at beginning of game if you are staying with your child or taking your child home; also send a note a day before if you can.
 - If you are taking home a friend make sure friend is on note and friend's parent writes note.
 - No cash at game; the kids have \$10 on their ticket; they can also pack a lunch. Time to shop and eat is limited.

- Field Day will be the same as past.
- Chrisi Harrison: can you tell us is there a process for the bathroom at pirates game?
 - Mr. Kostewicz: all teachers are with class, the kids can only go to the right, he will consistently walk the floor looking for students, has never had an issue. Always go in pairs, never go alone.
 - Gates open at 10 for education day. Everyone in seats by noon.
 - Parents have regular tickets, not student tickets.
- Chrisi Harrison and Mr. Kostewicz - Discussion regarding end of year 6th grade party

Teacher's Liaison - Mrs. Shine

- Thank you emails for last week and everything this year for the kids and the teachers
- Teacher Reimbursements maxxed out
- Field Trips - can we push it back?
 - Jennifer Logan: PTO doesn't pick dates
 - Should we pick a new place?
 - Discussion on where to go
- Teachers do not want same field trips for 5th and 6th grade
- Extra funds? PC needs a new microwave and toaster in teacher's lounge
- Thank you for working with teachers

Yearbook Jenny Bainbridge: all yearbooks in, sent Centennial back but will be in soon and PC and MAE look good.

Spirit Wear Jennifer Logan: no vote today, considering a different company, a lot of issues with Sports Locker. committee is working with HS vendor

March 4 Mars: no vote today; Will generally be the same but looking at sponsorship and prize levels

Sarris Candy Sale \$2,968.11 profit

Centennial Spring Party Wrap Up - Chrisi Harrison: nothing new.

6th Grade graduation party: need sign ups for 12-1:15 to help set up

Field Trips Update

Crystal Ranson: pick up your tickets for PNC if you had tickets set aside for you; will deposit checks around \$1700. They were \$25 per ticket.

Staff Luncheon Wrap up: Becca Baker

- Breakfast bar, popcorn bar, gift cards, cookies, luncheon
- Everything seemed to go well

- Some money leftover cupcakes /caffeine or maybe can use for microwaves and toaster

Field Days:

Heather Raybold: no rain date; at MAC, inside building if rain; sign ups are filled; busy day; for PTO, famous tug of war competition in they gym, run by Mrs. Coon. 5th and 6th grade field day happens at the same time.

PC field day - Julie Vukovich trying to add more spots on sign up; sing sing sing doesn't have staff that day but still trying.

MAE field day - Jennifer Logan sign ups are in good shape

Jennifer Lyker: working on fixing sign ups

Open Forum - no comments

Elections

President: Jennifer Logan

VP: Rebecca Arnold and Lindsay Kelley

Secretary: Lexie Northrop

Treasurer: Chrisi Harrison

PC Building Chairs: Monique Mayes, Kim Detore, Bree Braunstein, Lauren Bairel

MAE Building Chairs: Emily Wiley, Becca Baker, Krissy DiGioia

Centennial Building Chairs: Julie Vukovich, Theresa Vincler, Bre Walther, Brittany Hoder, Doreen Paese

Field Trip Chair PC: Misty Cope

Field Trip Chair MAE: Keri Mudalgikar

Field Trip Chair Cent: Crystal Ranson

March for Mars Head: Sarah Hosack/Megan Lenz

March for Mars Committee: Misty Cope, Melissa Gulnac, Jen Abel, Stephanie Landis

Spirit Wear Committee: Lacey Beyer, Laci Yocum

Yearbook PC: Jennifer Bainbridge

Yearbook MAE: Nicki McGettigan

Yearbook Centennial: Carly Bartle

Science Fair MAE: Nicki McGettigan

Science Fair Centennial: Janelle Emanuele

Social Media Lead: Jen Lyker

Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Logan at 10:20 am