

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

Attendance: Chrisi Harrison, Rebecca Arnold, Jennifer Logan, Lindsay Kelley, Lexie Northrop, Bre Walther, Theresa Vincler, Ashley Lovell, Julie Vukovich, Emily Wiley, Bree Braunstein, Crystal Ranson, Misty Cope, Becca Baker, Megan Lenz, Sarah Hosack, Krissy DiGioia, Lisa Fonzi, Carrie Ward, Jen Lyker, Keri Mudalgikar, Mrs. Semler, Doreen Paese, Monique Mayes, Jenn Bainbridge, Brittany Hoder, Joey Pope, Kim Detore, Melissa Gulnac, Laci Yocum, Lauren Evans, Jan Vermilya, Sara Kiley, Jewel Rozanski, Nicole Schwartz, Lauren Baierl

President's Report: Jennifer Logan

- Welcome and executive board introductions.
- Thank you March for Mars volunteers and yearbook committee.

Important Dates

- Picture Dates: MAE 9/6; Centennial 9/8; PC 9/12 *We are still in need of a few more volunteers for PC, the sign up was sent to your email. If you need it again let me know.
- March for Mars: PC 10/4; MAE 10/5; Centennial 10/6
- Book Fairs: Centennial 9/22-9/26; Clean-up 9/27
MAE 10/16-10/20
- Independent Clearances - make sure to do it and have license scanned

Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes: Lexie Northrop

Motion by: Misty Cope

Seconded by: Bree Braunstein

Approval of changes to Board and Committees: Jennifer Logan

Motion by: Rebecca Arnold

Seconded by: Lexie Northrop

Treasurer's Report/ Budget approval: Chrisi Harrison

- Mostly the same except March for Mars increase, due to increase in Field Trip Costs
- No expenses yet
- Motion to approve budget
 - Megan Lenz
 - Becca Baker
- Motion to approve Faith Morrison for CPA
 - Motion by: Lexie Northrop
 - Seconded by: Rebecca Arnold

Principals' Reports

Mrs. Semler:

- Off to a great start

- Picture Day 9/12
- March for Mars 10/4
- Fall Party 10/31: times Kindergarten AM 9:30-10:30; Kinder PM and 1st grade 1:15-2:15

Dr. Kostewicz:

- Book Fair - Mr. Churilla asked if we can do an evening for parents and not have parents during the day 4-6PM time period;
- Thank you for fundraising, as it comes all back to the kids.

Teacher Liaison Mrs. Shine:

- 4th Grade would like to change field trip location
- PC: Playground, no shade on playground, could we buy sails?
 - and can we replace purple spinning item because it is dangerous
- Jennifer Logan: will discuss if there are extra funds from March for Mars
- Dr. Kostewicz: maybe wait until construction expansion is decided so money is not wasted.
- Lexie Northrop: PTO divides extra funds equally between schools and teacher/principals discuss where to spend
- Dr. Kostewicz: teachers have the largest input due to living it every day and knowing what is needed.

Contact Parents Lindsay Kelley:

- Fliers were distributed
- Information shared on Facebook on Mars Elementary PTO page
- Updates to FAQ and Guidelines on the PTO website
- PTO will only select contact parent and the contact parent will choose party parents
- Google Forms will be inactivated on September 16; deadline to submit is September 15
- Contact parents will be notified by September 19 and then contact parents will notify party parents
- Random selection tool to choose contact parent; preference given to those who have not served as contact parent for child in the past.
- Monique [Mayes] and Krissy [DiGioia] will help handle

March for Mars Update

Jennifer Logan:

- March for Mars is underway. Students received their letters and collection envelopes. They are due October 6th, the last day of March for Mars.
- Due to a sponsorship donation from Rhoads Orthodontics we are able to provide shirts to all students K-6.

- We also had sponsorship prize donations donated by: Kampas Orthodontics, Fun Fore All, and Embroidery and Much More. T-Shirt order forms are due tomorrow from teachers for their students/ along with teachers/staff and pto.

Lexie Northrop:

- Business sponsors monetary pledges are up to around \$26,000 in addition to other business sponsorships.

Megan Lenz:

- Mars Planet Foundation through a policy with the school is able to charge us for \$250-300 for a banner which only cost \$65, will be addressed tonight at the school board meeting if anyone can attend.

Melissa Gulnac:

- Question re t shirts/google form
- Jennifer Logan: teacher is letting PTO know t shirt sizes, google form was probably from teacher. Envelopes sent home are separate

Spirit Wear Sale

Laci Yocum:

- leaving sale open until 11 am today \$14,873 so far - profit is \$2,700 approximately
- new company, easy and great to work with
- delivery will be end of september
- there will also be a sale in the spring

Brittany Hoder: can we leave it open throughout the year?

Laci Yocum: no it is too complicated for the company

Jennifer Logan: can we leave it open one more day

Laci Yocum: will check

Yearbook Rebecca Arnold:

- changed Jostens this year, email blast will be out this week, will have to do separate orders for separate schools
- Tier sale: back to school sale is first, \$20. max will be \$30
- If anyone is tech savvy, can you stay after and chat to help with tech side.
- Jenn Bainbridge: all soft back, no hard back option

Field Trips

Jennifer Logan:

- need to work on a 4th grade field trip destination;
- same procedure as last year- independent clearance deadline is December 1st

Mrs. Shine: new teacher asked when tshirt choices for field trips

Laci Yocum: after holidays

Crystal Ranson:

- Centennial looks like it will be Wed May 22 for the last educational day at PNC. Date will be selected at the end of October.

- Game on Friday Sept 29, 2 free tickets. Dr. Kostewicz will do a drawing for teachers.

Keri Mudalgikar: May is ideal month for all field trips

Misty Cope: 1st grade going back to Keystone, trying for end of May

Rebecca Arnold and Lexie Northrop: Clearances cannot be transferred over from other organizations, must update them each year with admin building.

Book Fair

Emily Wiley:

- Scholastic dollars for Mrs. Kolson, just over \$2,000. She was able to use it for new books.
- Confirmed for Oct 16-20, new consultant, EW talking with her on thursday this week
- Email will go out for sign ups

Jennifer Logan: email will go out for PTO sign ups for Centennial registers

Chrisi Harrison : whoever is doing registers, please turn in a check request early for start up money.

Cent Science Fair Chrisi Harrison reads notes from Janelle Emanuele

- early March, will try to speed up scoring process at the end

Open Forum

- Dr. Kostewicz: metal detectors this year, still working on office set up, please leave your purse in car unless you have a medical need.
- Jen Lyker:
 - needs contact emails for the Centennial building for the website. Jennifer Logan: please resend link and everyone will plug in
 - Questions re volunteer form on website, take off yearbook? Rebecca Arnold: yes.
 - Do you want sign ups for March for Mars sooner? Jennifer Logan, yes send sooner.
 - Decided not to do K-6 big directory, testing it out this year, sticking with classroom directory, if you hear feedback let us know
 - If you have an event, send Jen Lyker the info as soon as possible, if sending to principals, send to Jen as well

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 by Jennifer Logan