

Mars Planet Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2019

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Dr. William Pettigrew, President		Tricia Holland	X
Wyatt Lee, Vice-President		Alicia Palmiero	
Andrea Bowser, Treasurer	X	Dayle Ferguson	
Cara Schultz, Secretary	X	Robin Parsons	X
Becky Brown	X	Megan Lenz	X
Kevin Hagen	X	John Neurohr	X
John Kennedy	X	Rochelle Seideneck	
Carol Knox	X		
Dr. Elizabeth McMahon	X		
Vicki Zaccari	X		

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Teacher Grants:

1. Mrs. Colleen Hinrichsen & Chris Churilla - IPEVO Document Cameras

Mrs. Hinrichsen presented a grant request for two (2) IPEVO Document Cameras to showcase STEAM hands on work. These cameras can attached to computers and display creations on the Promethium board rather than gathering around to view.

The board approved three (3) cameras for each Elementary Building in the amount of \$300.

In addition, Mrs. Hinrichsen has \$1000 funds available for her All Star Teacher Award from The Pittsburgh Pirates.

2. Dr. McMahon / Ms. Coon - BAL A VIS X

Dr. McMahon presented a video and grant request for BAL A VIS X which stands for Balance, Auditory, and Vision Exercise. This program offers Brain and Body Integration along with team building skills to be taught in PE class. The results of BAL A VIS X have shown students to be more focused in the classrooms. The grant request included 3 DVD's for training plus bulk of balls and sand bags in the amount of \$1,200.00

The board approved BAL A VIS X Grant Request for \$1,200.00

3. Samantha Flanhofer / High School Sensory Room

Mrs. Flanhofer submitted an itemize list for all items required to enhance the High School Sensory Room. The board discussed building budgets that will also support this initiative.

The board vote to grant Mrs. Flanhofer \$800 toward the Sensory Room supplies

4. Mrs. Madigan - ClassVR

Mrs. Madigan submitted a revised grant request in the amount of \$2,889.00 for ClassVR to include eight (8) headsets with portable charging case

The board voted to decline this grant application

EITC - Kevin Hagen:

Kevin Hagen announced that Nextier donated \$15,000.00 in EITC funds to The Mars Planet Foundation. Kevin has already sent a thank you letter of receipt.

The EITC renewal application for 2019-20 is near complete and awaiting a letter from Dr. Shipley.

The programs include: Advanced Placement Courses Exam Fee Reimbursement, College in High School (CHS) Reimbursement, District Wide Instruction Technology, and STEAM

Scholarships - Becky Brown:

Becky discussed a new "Attendance Scholarship" that would begin in 2021. The criteria is currently being reviewed on how many days of school have been missed between grades K-12.

PITT - Becky is working on the criteria for the scholarship for students who matriculate to PITT.

Treasurer Report Andrea Bowser:

MPF has received the following checks: Weaver Homes (\$1,000 Scoreboard), Mars PTO (\$600 Banners), MASD Ticket Sales (\$1,647.75 and \$1,437.25), Hatch Scholarship (\$10,000), and Nextier Bank (\$15,000)

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Dr. McMahon presented DPIL at the recent Community Connection Meeting with Pre-K settings for all Mars residents. There will also be information for DPIL in the December Primary Post.

National Blue Ribbon School

Dr. McMahon shared pictures of the National Blue Ribbon School Banners that would be available for purchase to showcase this recent award. The board is requesting that Lindsay Rosswog submit a grant request for Blue Ribbon School Banners. MPF would also like pricing for the Blue Ribbon Lanyards as teacher gifts in order to participate with the yearlong celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Submitted by:

Cara Schultz Mars Planet Foundation