

Mars Planet Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

| Board Members | Present | Ambassadors | Present |
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| Kevin Hagen | X | Tricia Holland | |
| Wyatt Lee | X | Becky Brown | |
| Andrea Bowser | X | Dayle Ferguson | X |
| Cara Schultz | X | Robin Parsons | X |
| Christine Valenta | X | John Neurohr | |
| Vickie Zaccari | X | | |
| Megan Lenz | X | | |
| Carol Knox | | | |
| Rochelle Seideneck | X | | |
| Dr. Elizabeth McMahon | | | |

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

Teacher Grants:

1. Elementary Sensory Pathways

Stephanie Graff, Chris Petrini, & Jamie Waters

The 4th grade hallway presently has a temporary sensory path with sensory stations which allows students to take a 5 minute brain break. The teachers would like to extend that stations and pathways for all MAE students to utilize. This would offer students a break to promote cognitive function and maximize daily learning and interaction.

The board voted to fully fund the grant request of \$2,500.00

Guest: Danielle Greco

Someone Special Dance

Danielle Greco attended the meeting to suggest the concept of a Father / Daughter Dance and/or Someone Special Dance as a fall / winter MPF fundraiser. These dances are very popular in other communities and school districts. The board discussed having the dance open to K-6 grades with a possible timeline of fall or winter (Valentines) dance. The board asked Danielle to collect planning materials and pricing to revisit the event.

Meeting Minutes Approved - November 2019 & January 2020

Treasurer Report - Andrea Bowser:

Andrea sent the current Profit and Loss statement via email to all board members & ambassadors MPF has received the following checks: Kim Geyer in the amount of \$1,000 for BC3 Scholarship & Stagler for Golf Registration

Outstanding banner Sponsors: Jurassic Junk & Steel City Spine

Andrea made reference that the Dolly Parton Imagination Library account will need to be funded before March 31, 2020. ***The board voted to fund the account with \$1,000.***

EITC - Kevin Hagen:

Kevin Hagen received the official letter of acceptance from EITC.

The programs include: College in High School (CHS) Reimbursement, District Wide Instruction Technology - Education Without Limits, National Math and Science Institute, and STEAM

Scholarships - Megan Lenz:

Megan recently met with Becky Brown to update all scholarship information. They finalized the details of the new Manerino Scholarship for students who matriculate to PITT. All of the scholarship information is posted on the school and MPF websites. In an effort to generate more applicants, Megan will post information targeted to parents on social media and E-communicator as well as Email blasts.

All MPF members are kindly asked to attend the April board meeting to assist with the scholarship selections. The academic banquet is June 3, 2020.

Golf Outing - Wyatt Lee:

The MPF 2020 Golf Outing will take place on August 14th at Pheasant Ridge Golf Course. The Golf Website is updated with all materials. Wyatt emailed sponsor forms for distribution. Wyatt will share the 2019 sponsor information for renewal process. All golfers are asked to register by July 31, 2020

Fundraising - Rochelle Seideneck:

Rochelle is planning a fundraising event with community partner, Just In Thyme Catering. The venue will provide food for 40 ppl at no charge and additional guests, up to 80, will cost \$20 per person. Rochelle discussed a Ladies Night / Galentines Theme for February 2021 with a possible student musical group. The alcohol and insurance policies will need to be reviewed as well as cancellation policy due to inclement weather.

Banners - Kevin Hagen will submit an application to PennDot / State of PA for the tennis court fence area to be utilized as billboard space for banners. The Township mandates that all banners be labeled: Supporters of Mars Planet Foundation

New Business / Open Discussions:

Stickers: Wyatt Lee shared pricing for "Gifted by MPF" 2x2 stickers to be placed on grant items. The cost for 500 stickers is \$372 and the cost for 1000 stickers is \$406. The board will discuss the use of stickers and the costs at an upcoming meeting.

May Meeting: The school board has a date conflict for the May MPF meeting and requests that the meeting be changed to Monday, May 18, 2020. Cara Schultz will submit the request with MASD for meeting space.

Video: Christine Valenta shared a video from a classroom visit to Mr. Bensons room to view the VEX IQ Robots. The classroom is in need of more supplies and kits. The board discussed the need for a video to generate more sponsors.

Crowd Funding: Wyatt Lee discussed an Approval System via Email Flow for Teacher Grant submissions. The software also enables teachers to post for funds generate additional funds for classrooms and direct project donations. The Board discussed beginning this concept with fund requests for Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The board will need to review the MASD Crowd Funding Policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Submitted by:

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