

Mars Planet Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2017

Members Present: Dr. Pettigrew, Wyatt Lee, Dayle Ferguson, Becky Brown, Rita Dorsch, Vicki Zaccari, Carol Knox, Cara Schultz, & Paula Hooper

Absent Members: Holly Wetherholt, Bonnie Weaver, Linda Romito, Dr. McMahon, Jackie Fennell

President Dr. Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- Erin Bridge, *Middle School Programming Teacher*, presented a grant request for 8th Grade STEAM Project. This would be a cross-curricular project with the Arts Rotation and Computer Technology courses. The students in these classes would design an aspect of the carnival that would be showcased at the Spring Open House. The goal of this project is to teach students about real world applications for STEAM related fields of study.
 - **The Board voted to fund the total grant request of \$1,101.64**
- Cetta Richards, Mars Elementary Classroom Teacher, presented a grant request for Flexible Seating. Mrs. Richards has been studying the positive effects of flexible seating and feels this would be of great benefit to her students. Flexible seating allows students to be more engaged as classrooms become more technological. She referenced other local 3rd grade classrooms that have had tremendous success with students being able to focus better with flexible seating.

The Board voted to fund half of the grant request of \$2,507 and agreed that this would be the last grant for classroom seating until we can evaluate the outcome.
- The board addressed member terms to be renewed in 2018: Linda Romito, Holly Wetherholt, and Wyatt Lee
- Mr. Wesley sent a thank you letter and stated that the Wallops Island Marine Science Trip is completely full

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 Dr. Pettigrew.

*The next Mars Planet Foundation Meeting is **December 19th @ 6:30** in the Administration Board Room.*

Submitted by;
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