# Attendees

Jen Morhous, Jess Manger, Sarah Dailey, Susan Garcia, Kristen DeLuco, Kyla Gallacher, Kat Copeland, Kristen Straub, Pauric O’Callaghan, Christy Nealon (assistant principal), Jenn Lemaire, Ross Mulkerin (principal), Kim Laster, Meredith L’Hommedieu, Paula Backiel (technology teacher), Jessie Carleton

# Agenda

## Introduction and Roll Call

* Kristen DeLuco called the meeting to order

## Maker’s Space Update

* Mr. Mulkerin shared some information about Mrs. Backiel’s initiative to start a Maker’s Space and a coding club for Center School
* Mrs. Backiel reported that the MA state technology curriculum has been moving towards hands on learning in the technology field
* Mrs. Backiel shared her vision for Center becoming a community of “maker’s”
* Mrs. Backiel introduced Center parent, Pauric O’Callaghan, who works at MathWorks, and worked with the PTO on applying for a community grant for the Maker’s Space
* Mrs. Backiel’s classroom now has Bose Build speakers, four Dash robots, and an iLoom
* Mr. O’Callaghan informed Mrs. Backiel and the SPTO that the MathWorks grant has been awarded in the amount of $2,600
* Jen Morhous reminded Mrs. Backiel that she also has money that the SPTO raised from the gift card fundraiser that can put towards her Maker’s Space
* Talked about the importance of making connections with businesses in the community

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## Principal’s Update

* Mr. Mulkerin thanked the SPTO for their help with raising funds for the Maker’s Space

## Officer Updates

Treasurer

* Kara Herbertz was unable to be at the meeting but sent an update
* SquareOne Art deposit for this school year was $2,152.80 (this amount plus her current balance of $1,476.69 will be enough to cover the cost of the art library that Mrs. Cullinane would like to create)
* $300 grant from last year’s Arts Buffet was received and deposited

Website

* Sarah Dailey said that things are status quo, no new updates

Fundraising

* Center will net $630, plus $220 in flat donations; Hale will net $250 from the gift card fundraiser
* It is a fundraising year for Hale and Jen Morhous will be organizing a “non-fundraiser” fundraiser (ie, asking for flat donations from Hale families)
* Jen is planning to kick off the fundraiser in late March/early April
* Goal is to raise $50/family

## Committee Updates

Hale Staff Appreciation

* Kristen Straub said that this will be her last year heading Staff Appreciation at Hale and is looking for parents to organize for next school year
* Hale Staff Appreciation is a one day event where a large lunch is provided to the staff
* Both Hale and Center Staff Appreciation committees will begin planning in March

Arts and Culture

* Kat Copeland had no new information to share, programs are scheduled for the year
* Jen Morhous said that all the Arts and Culture events have been moved over to the new scheduling system that the school uses

Lip Sync/Talent Show

* Kat Copeland said that there are only 16 acts signed up right now, the deadline to sign up is this Friday
* Discussed sending out another reminder; acts are particularly light for the 3-5 grade show
* There are two middle schoolers who will be emceeing the show
* Kat clarified that money raised from the Talent Show will be used to purchase risers for Center, as was discussed in our last general SPTO meeting

Wishing Snowflakes

* Jen Morhous reported that the biggest obstacle was getting staff to update their lists
* If lists were not updated, old lists were published in their place, which needs to be addressed for next year
* Kristen Straub suggested involving the room parents in getting/helping the teachers to update their wish lists

Project Prep

* Kathy Konno sent out a new sign up to the volunteers who have already participated in the past
* Kathy plans on writing a letter to the general Center School community to explain what Project Prep is and to encourage new volunteers

Box Tops

* Next mailing in March 1st

Social

* Jenn Lemaire had no new updates

Center Picnic

* Scheduled for June 6th, rain date June 7th
* DJ Mike Pride is already booked
* Jen Morhous would like to the committee to replace the dunk tank with a new attraction due to safety concerns (volunteers have gotten cuts in the past)

Fifth/Eighth Grade Move Up Celebrations

* Will need to start recruiting fourth/seventh grade parents respectively to plan and set up these events

Next Meeting Monday February 12th at 7:00pm, Center’s Science Room