

Markham PTA Minutes

November 8, 2018

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1.) Meeting was called to order at 8:50.

2.) The minutes from September 26, 2018 were approved.

(out of order from agenda)

4e.) Rachel French - Read-a-thon

The RAT was a huge success. They raised over \$11,100. The budget was \$500 and expenses were \$493. The school met the reading goal by reading 151,000 minutes! 87% of students participated in RAT. Average funds raised were \$60/student. Average minutes read per day were 70. Rachel will chair again next year and has Megan Clark as co chair. They have already met to discuss plans. Already buying prizes on clearance. Goal next year is to get more students to participate. Will shift start day to a Monday instead of weekend. Also working on finding the right day to start next October.

4f.) Mandy Mitchell - Bake Sale

The bake sale was a delicious success! They sold out at 2:30pm and the half price sale started at 1:30pm. They made \$1797 profit! Donations were harder to come by this year. Budget was \$135 and will need budget again in case donations dry up. Please thank donors for their support. Mandy will post donors and profit in the Messenger.

4a.) Tracy Paul - Custodian Appreciation

Mr. Tim and his staff were very appreciative of the school's outpouring of support. Mr. Tim wrote a thank you note to the PTA.

4b.) Mary Byrne - Spirit Wear

A few items were on back order but coming soon. Distribution system might change next year.

4c.) Stephanie Incorvati - Book Fair

We had a very successful book fair this year! Total sales for our 1-day Fair were \$7801.78 vs. \$6,506.98 in sales during the 2-day Fair last year. We earned \$3,645.69 in Scholastic Dollars for our library! Pairing the book fair with the Ice Cream Social again this year really helped to draw families in to shop. We had a steady flow of customers all evening.

Delivery/Set-up/Clean-up went smoothly and we seemed to have the perfect amount of volunteers. I had asked for a Scholastic Rep to come to Markham to help with set-up and register training this year and that was extremely helpful. There are costs associated with this event (labels, envelopes, decorations (tablecloths are not provided by Scholastic)) - I just absorbed these costs but the next chairperson may not want to do that. We may need to add some money to the budget for this event. I will update the Red Book and turn it in the next week or so.

4d.) Shelley Pieklik - Read for the Record

No report filed. Ann Bozick will check with Shelley to see if she has purchased the book for the library and to ask for a report.

3a.) Sue Galeone - President

PTA Council Updates

- Officer Kuhns spoke to Council about drug use in schools. Working on the 'Hidden in Plain Sight' program with Outreach to help parents identify warning signs. Narcan is available in all schools.
- Social Emotional Intelligence discussions continue to happen
- Rock Pile should be complete by winter break
- District HR Katie DeVine spoke that under Act 86 parents with bachelor's degrees will now be able to be substitute teachers. There will be informational meetings offered on November 29 and December 7.
- Lebo PRIDE meeting to be held 11/13.

Community Updates

- Info on Mt. Lebanon Library calendar and book sale are on display. Promoting books as gifts. On 11/17 they will hold their book sale and fair.
- Outreach is working with children affected by substance abuse, either their's or a loved ones. First two visits to Outreach are free and subsequent visits are \$20/visit. Will do assessments for middle schoolers.
- Firefighter Mike reports that most calls to 911 Fire concern weather events and not actual fires. Need to update messaging for children.
- Dr. Irvin reports that the Capital Campaign has been suspended. The Maker Spaced is still functional with donations from the Conovers.

Markham Updates

- Working on getting a date to screen documentary "Family Next Door".
- Playground committee is looking for a new chair. There is money in account and it would be better to spend it sooner rather than later.

3b.) Corby LaRocca - absent

3c.) Hollie DeLuca - Membership

One new family has joined this week. Total is now 174: 160 individual and 14 family memberships. 23 faculty also.

Ice Cream Social was a pleasant night. Budget was \$150 and \$153 was spent.

3d.) Mandy Mitchell - 3rd VP

Working on recess lockers and has made contact with recess monitors to discuss needs/wants. Teachers want less board games because of time constraints and more quicker games such as cards, Connect Four, checkers, building materials, and Legos. There are some monies still available but will also collect donations from family members. There was a discussion on cleaning Legos. Ms. Dirda is going to investigate what other schools do to clean those types of toys.

3e.) Ms. Dirda - Principal

- Parent Teacher conferences are next Thursday and Friday.
- Thanksgiving is 2 weeks from today. Dismissal that Wednesday at noon and Thursday and Friday are off.
- End of 1Q. Report cards to be issued on 11/12.
- Meeting with Mrs. Lundt to settle date on the viewing of documentary "Family Next Door".
- Veteran's Day will be observed at school on 11/12. Students are working in their social studies classes on making cards of appreciation to vets. Student Council will be collecting those cards and sending them off.
- World Kindness Day is 11/13. Girl Scouts will be greeting the students with acts and words of kindness. Mrs. Karbowski and staff are excited about it.
- Maker Space committee met. Will send out an eblast requesting consumable donations.
- Still reviewing the format of the eblasts. Trying to find a better day to send it out and make it searchable.
- Officer Kuhn's presentation was jaw dropping. Ms. Dirda's pieces of advice are 1) continue to have the conversations about how to make safe decisions, 2) let children know that we all make mistakes and there are grown ups available to help work thru those mistakes, and 3) keep checking on the technology - ask questions and check phones regularly. Talk to principals and counselors if you have concerns. They want to know about them.
- On the horizon is developing more social emotional development programming. Markham is piloting the documentary. Please share ideas with Ms. Dirda for further needs.
- Shared with staff the results of the successful Read-a-thon and Book Fair and the staff was blown away.

3g.) Mary Byrne - Treasurer

Books look good! We are \$6824 above budget for income. Expenses are down because people haven't submitted expense reports.

3h.) Allison Shanahan - Communications Officer

Memory Book is looking for more photos

3i.) Laurie Vota - Historian

Reflections judging will be this week. Also Odyssey is under way.

Red Book/Folder inventory is almost complete. There will be a binder in the office for use to log in and out all Red Books/Folders. Some events only have a small folder while others have larger binders.

5.) Nominating Committee

Alternate is Mary Byrne.

The slate is: Ann Bozick, Laurie Vota, Rachel Moosa, Sarah Miller, and Ms. Dirda.

The slate was approved and their next step is to set up a meeting time. Ms. Dirda will initiate that.

6.) Meeting adjourned at 9:45

Minutes Submitted by Ann Bozick, Approved _____