

Markham PTA Minutes

February 5, 2019

MPR

- 1.) The meeting was called to order at 8:50.
- 2.) The minute from November 8, 2018 were approved.

3.) a.) Sue Galeone - President's Report

Council News:

- Georgia Pogue Scholarship fund that supports an elementary student from each elementary school is losing funds due to declining PTA membership. Markham PTA hopes to make a donation to the scholarship.
- PTA Meeting with school board scheduled for 2/12/19. Will be submitting questions to the board so if you have any, please email them to Sue.
- Meeting 3/6/19 with the MLEA. Again, email any questions or comments to Sue.
- SHIM food drive scheduled for March. Being coordinated by Student Council.

District News:

- Mellon was named a "School to Watch".
- Calendar for next year is approved and will be published. Continue to communicate absences as necessary.
- \$1M security enhancement for district with 100 walkie talkies, 500 cameras, laminates for the windows, and ballards coming.
- Student Assistance teams received grant money to address mental health in schools. Will be piloting this program.
- Safe to Say app is replacing the Protect app.

Community News

- Library has teen librarian that will be working in the middle schools on programming.
- Police Academy is looking for new recruits.
- Fire is updating their trailer

Local PTA News:

- Teachers were asked for requests on their wish list.
- Shelley Pieklik wants to do a Color Run next year and will look into it.
- Guidance Counselor Appreciation day is 2/6/19. Mrs. Ketterman has returned but should also recognize Mrs. Karbowski too.
- Crossing Guard Appreciation Day is next week.

b.) Corby Larocca - 1st VP

- Working on a day of April 30th for spirit night at Lebo Subs and to appreciate them for their support.
- Holiday fair was a great success.
- Science Fair is on Thursday. All is set with volunteers and presenters. Parent presenters in MPR, STEM activities in art room, and projects in gym.

c.) Hollie DeLuca - 2nd VP - Not present

d.) Mandy Mitchell - 3rd VP

- Ice Skating party time has changed to 9am-11am.

e.) Ms. Dirda - Principal

- Solar Quest was a huge success. Thank you to the volunteers that made that happen. Difficult to find assemblies that meet the needs of all kids but this one did it.
- Jump Rope for Heart was held with 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades participating. Third grade top jumper was Jonah Delmonaco with 220 jumps, 4th grade was Ava Giorgianni with 217, and 5th grade was Lucy Hernandez with 282. Worked will to leave committee chair in charge of getting volunteers rather than having volunteers chosen at class coffees.
- Fifth grade putting on a pajama drive. Goal is for school to donate 100 pairs of new jammies to win a pajama day.
- K registration is ongoing now. Registration packets are available in the main office. K orientation is scheduled for 5/10/19 and the screenings will be held on May 15th and 16th.
- Science Week started off with Solar Quest which was paid for by the Read-a-thon. Science Fair is on Thursday.
- Laminates are on windows in vestibule and numbers are on windows of building.
- Safe to Say Something app is replacing the Student Protect app. All students in grades 5-12 were presented with app info. New app can have two way conversations with mental health counselors.
- PSSAs. District sets calendar before state approves PSSA dates. Please continue to plan vacations as necessary. While they may not be preapproved you will not be penalized for them.
- PSSAs begin April 9, 10, 11 with ELA. Spring Break is 17-19, no school. Testing continues April 24 and 26 with Take Your Child to Work day on April 25. April 29, and 30 are 4th grade Science testing.
- Reminder that no snacks for Valentine's Day party
- Friday the 15th is an Act 80 day and there will be a noon dismissal however both K classes will be in session.
- Monday the 18th there is no school

f.) Ann Bozick - Secretary - nothing to report

g.) Mary Byrne - Treasurer

- \$60 in new membership money.
- Treasurer's Report attached

h.) Allison Shanahan - Communications

- Messenger deadline is Tuesday. Please remind Committee Chairs to get their submissions in on a timely manner.

i.) Laurie Vota - Historian - not present

- Markham's Got Talent is now collection acts.

4.) Committee Reports

a.) Holiday Fair - Staci Carlson. Great success. All of the feedback they received was positive. They had plenty of volunteers. Were able to keep prices down but still made money. Tagging and untagging was cumbersome. They are going to look at other options for vendors. Contract

is signed in May. Did not buy bags this year but got them donated. Continue to be happy with 10,000 Villages. They sold \$736 in sales from them and made back \$103, they were very easy to work with. Tiffany Duffy and Staci will chair again next year.

b.) Spelling Bee - Ann Bozick for Michelle Markowitz and Kirsten Engle

The Spelling Bee was well fought. Allie Miller from 4th grade won with the words ligatures and unguents. Abby Poretta 5th grade came in second. Six children from all three sections of fourth grade competed in the first round with nine students from both 5th grade classes for a total of 36 contestants at the grade level. Eighteen went onto the next round. Allie will now go on the the 69th Annual Western PA Spelling Bee to be held at Robert Morris University in March. Allie and Abby both won subscriptions to online Encyclopedia Britannica Online. Memory Book needs photos of Spelling Bee.

5.) New Business

a.) Approval of Budget Amendments - see attached 2018-2019 Markham PTA Budget and Proposed Budget Changes to be approved at the 2.5.19 meeting.

Corby moved to amend the budget, Mandy gave a second, and the ayes have it.

Changes are \$900 from Read-a-thon to cover the Science Assembly. A one time \$100 donation to the Georgia Pogue Scholarship. Increase music budget by \$75 to \$250. Add line to budget - 2019 Supplemental Classroom materials \$2500. Executive committee voted at two previous meetings to increase recess equipment by \$150. It was approved in two \$75 increments.

i.) New Line Item Request - Memory Book - Melinda Berdyck

Melinda shared that the current software to create the Memory Book is ten years old.

She has looked at options from various software and book companies. Is evaluating

cost of yearbooks but present need is to obtain current software. Requests \$175 to

cover a six month shared subscription to software. Mary motioned and Corby gave the second with all in agreement. Approved.

b.) Approval of teacher classroom requests.

We reviewed the submitted list and approved all requests. See attached.

6.) Old Business

a.) Nominating Committee - Rachel Moosa

Rachel presented the slate for nomination to the PTA Board 2019-2020.

President - Sue Galeone

1st VP - Rachael French

2nd VP - Gillian Stohner

3rd VP - Corby Larocca

Secretary - Ann Bozick

Treasurer - Mary Byrne

Communications - Allison Shanahan

Historian - Laurie Vota

The slate was approved.

There were no nominations from the floor. All nominees are members of the PTA. Nominations are now closed. Elections will happen at the March meeting, 3/7 at 7pm. Start day is 5/1. Meet now to begin learning new roles. April 24th training at high school.

7.) Adjourned at 9:47

Submitted by Ann Bozick . Signed _____