

## Markham Elementary PTA Meeting Agenda

May 25, 2018 9:30 a.m. – MPR

- 1). Call to Order at 9:51 by President Sue Galeone. Attendance sheet attached.

(Out of order)

- e). Principal, Ms. Natasha Dirda
  - Thanked the PTA for all the they do.
  - Open House and Art Show coming up on May 31.
  - Spoke about the Maker Space Remake Learning event, 21 Markham students came. Successful event.
  - Mandy Mitchell asked about RiverQuest and the program got great feedback from the students.

- 2). Approval of the Minutes. Corby LaRocca motioned to approve the minutes, Laurie Vota seconded and all were in favor.

(Out of order)

- 4). Committee Reports
  - a). Circle Breakfast - Ann Bozick reported that the breakfast was a great success. Less attendance perhaps and there was leftover food, but all came within budget.
  - b). Markham's Got Talent - Great night. Did not hire outside sound system and seemed to work fine. Need to have MC be at rehearsal in future. Still looking for next year chairs.
  - c). Kindergarten Orientation - Hollie DeLuca for Shelley Pieklik. Suggestions to change favors for next year since they are so time consuming. 39 families were present,. Need to have sign up sheet for PTA to capture new K parents emails.

d). Teacher Appreciation - Sue Galeone for Emily Garofalo, Teachers were very appreciative. We received two personal thank you notes. Would like to have more volunteers in the future so will send home paper sign up sheets. It was a good move to move the lunch to Tuesdays. The addition of the raffle was a welcome and much appreciated addition.

e). Markham Magic - Kristin Darcy reported that the night was a huge success and only received positive feedback. All of the helpers and committees were instrumental in making the night a success. Wristbands and raffle sales were \$1892.50 and the event netted around \$1500.

f). Environmental Concerns Committee - Megan Millman reported on the move to replace the styrofoam trays in the District. Currently the District uses 1200 styrofoam trays a day, more than 220,000/year. Student Council President Josie Engle and other 5th graders collected signatures at Markham to present to the School Board. A pilot program with different trays will be piloted at Washington Elementary School this year.

### 3). Executive Reports

a). President - Sue Galeone had much to report from the last PTA Council meeting: There is a link on the District website to the Public Safety meeting that was held in April.

There may be a change in the Markham Messenger. The Community links may be going away with just one link that takes traffic to a community site.

The Student Protect app was recently released. So far at least one credible alert has been made. Admins are notified right away when an alert comes in so their response time is much faster.

High School gave out 7 scholarships of \$500/student. The Council is working on increasing its funds.

The District collected 4500 lbs of food and \$350 cash for SHIM. They were very thankful. A backpack drive will begin in August and SHIM will be asking the community for school supplies.

School board is working on a budget. Propose to cut back on overhead items such as printing and paper rather than make cuts in staff.

Summer Reading program will begin on June 21 at the public library.

Outreach is open all summer. They are now piloting a program geared for teen girls with regards to women's issues.

Dr. Irvin spoke to the Every Student Has to Succeed Program that has grant money tied to it. The program will be updated in July.

Markham issues:

Clearances - we need to work on a better tracking system so that volunteers aren't showing up with incomplete clearances.

Thank yous were made to the outgoing Board of Directors with gifts of books going to Linda Harrold: Girls That Code, Tracy Paul: Imaginary Veterinary, and Sacha Klink: Project Kid.

b). 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Corby Larocca reported that she would follow up on the certificates from the Science Fair that were never distributed.

c). 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Hollie DeLucca reported that she will have the Lost and Found out for show during the Open House/Art Show. She has not heard back from Ms. Dirda regarding an auction of items. There was also discussion about cleaning out the membership database in August to delete outgoing parents.

d). 3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Mandy Mitchell reported that the Committee Chairs for next year have mostly been filled with just small gaps remaining. Positions that still need

to be filled are Markham Messenger CoChair, Holiday Fair CoChair, Markham's Got Talent, Environmental Concerns, and Markham Magic. If chairs are not filled there is the possibility that the event will go away.

Mandy will send out info on redbooks and make sure that the new chairs have updated books.

Field Day meetings start next week.

Will create and dummy email address for Markham PTA so that chairs don't get a lot of PTA spam.

- f). Recording Secretary - Sacha Klink/Ann Bozick had Nothing to report.
- g). Treasurer - Laurie Vota/Mary Byrne See Treasurer's Report
  - Markham Magic did well. Netted \$1500 approximately
  - Biggest item on the report is the Playground Donation
  - Still have surplus of around \$15,000 Meeting with teachers to see how we can spend surplus.
  - Science Fair went over budget. Certificates never arrived at cost of \$99.
  - Need to stress to committee chairs and teachers that they need to stay in budget and that they can't be reimbursed for taxes.
  - Looking at beginning the program One Book One School.
  - Mrs. Cherian is still working on getting an Artist in Residence program. The money was set aside for this year but she has not arranged for an artist yet. The budget is for every other year so 5th graders this year would be deprived of this opportunity if she pushes it to September. It would also make the program two years in a row instead of every other year.
  - The Council still owes us \$10. Sue Galeone will follow up with the Council.

h). Communications Officer - Linda Harrold is working on getting email addresses for K families.

i). Historian - Tracy Paul reported about the Art Show to be held on May 31st. Megan Bigham is working with Mrs. Cherian on this. This will be a traditional art show with a large painting for families to work on. 5th grade helpers will assist Mrs. Cherian with this project. All art will come home in the art portfolio.

5). Unfinished Business

a). Mandy Mitchell made a motion to approve the Markham PTA Budget for 2018-2019, Laurie Vota seconded it and all approved.

6). New Business

a). Approval of the 2017-2018 Audit Committee consisting of Tracy London, Moira Aulbach, and Julie Connely. Corby made a motion to elect with Laurie seconding it and all approved.

b). Ann Bozick brought up the MLEA Scholarship fund and the lack of advertisement that Markham families received. Only fourth graders knew about it. It was not advertised thru any channel of communication to the student body at large, only to the fourth grade thru Ms. Contes. As the Rep to the MLEA Ms. Contes should inform the whole school about this program. Sue Galeone will look into it next April so all Markham students have an opportunity at this scholarship.

7). Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 10:51.

Submitted by: Ann Bozick, Recording Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_