

PTA General Meeting

March 7, 2019

1.) Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

2.) Approval of the Minutes - approved

3.) Executive Reports

a.) President

PTA Council:

- Bought 70 books for public library
- Reflections has moved on to the State level. If no chair for next year at Council level then it will only go as far as the District
- SHIM collection beginning District wide. Markham assigned low sodium soup but anything accepted. Marcy Eberhart is coordinating. Will check with Markham's Got Talent coordinators to see if possible to collect at the door too

District:

- Last day of school confirmed for 6/12 at noon
- Clap Out will be on 6/12
- District busy participating in Odyssey, Reflections, WPIALs, UN, and Bocce
- May 11 is Open Maker Space at High School. Replacing STEAM night.
- Stress and Anxiety workshop programs for parents beginning on Saturday mornings

Community:

- Outreach doing teen screens at middle and high schools.
- Open to parent suggestions for programming needs
- Parent classes starting soon

Municipality:

- Accepting applications for Outstanding Citizen award

School Board:

- Dr. Steinhauer gave talk on social and emotional learning. Report is on District website

Public Library:

- March 16th is the Beats, Bob and Blues program
- Peep Diorama contest starting soon
- Girls Coding event (open to boys, too) on 3/30 to get kids coding.
- Summer reading program kicks off on 6/17

MLEA:

- Presidents met with teachers. Questions about the challenges teachers are facing in the buildings. Issue is Guidance Counselor coverage. Will ask School Board for more money for lower school coverage. Can email Board directly asking for more support.
- Issues with students taking AP classes getting enough instructional time in before testing due to snow days

Playground Improvement:

- Buttons coming down once weather is warmer and ground is thawed. Gaga pit construction will begin afterwards.

b.) 1st VP - Corby Larocca - not present but working on Lebo Subs Spirit Night on 4/30

c.) 2nd VP - Hollie DeLuca

No change in membership numbers. Circle Breakfast on 3/15 and K Orientation on 5/10

d.) 3rd VP - Mandy Mitchell

Ice Skating event went well and earlier time was well received. Hop for Hope is still looking for volunteers. Playground equipment orders will be placed next week. Planning for Markham Magic and Field Day beginning.

e.) Principal - Mrs. Vietmeier for Ms. Dirda

Next Friday is Circle Breakfast and Principal's Coffee. Subject is Safety, Security, and Social Media. Email Ms. Dirda with any questions.

f.) Secretary - Ann Bozick

Thank you notes received from Perry the Crossing Guard and from several teachers regarding the classroom supplies the PTA purchased

g.) Treasurer - Mary Byrne - not present

Proposed budget to be decided in April

h.) Communications - Allison Shanahan - nothing to report

i.) Historian - Laurie Vota

Markham's Got Talent on 3/22

4.) Committee Reports

a.) Science Fair - Jaime McGonigle and Tracy Tinnemeyer

Next year will have a shorter program from 6-7:30. Can't start earlier because of Extended Day. Will not have parent demonstrations next year. All activity will be on the ground level. No certificate for participation but will be recognized at Rewards Assembly

b.) Skating - Alaina submitted report. Event went really well.

5.) New Business - None

6.) Old Business

a.) Slate presented for 2019-2020 PTA Executive Board. Sue Galeone will resign as PTA President at beginning of next school year and Rachel French will take over. Slate, attached, is approved. Official start date is 4/24. April 5 is next Exec Board meeting.

7.) Meeting Adjourned at 7:35

Submitted by Ann Bozick

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