

## Markham Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

### Markham MPR

February 6, 2018

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:47 by Sue Galeone, President

2) Approval of Minutes

"A motion is made to approve the minutes from November 15, 2017" Sue Galeone.

- All Approve

3) **Executive Reports**

**President (Sue Galeone)**

Sue Galeone welcomed the attendees and the board. She began with community news and an update on the PTA Council. The Council Community Service Committee will be coordinating with SHIM to run a food drive. The slate of council officers will be announced at the next council meeting on 2/7. Outreach has asked to partner with the high school to host Shape the Sky. Outreach will be funding the visit which will take place at MTLSD HS sometime in March. PTA presidents will be meeting with Dr. Irvin on Feb 16.

Ms. Marsh has submitted an agreement with author Erin Frankel to visit Markham. She is a local author show will present two anti-bullying experience assemblies in March.

The PTA is providing milk chocolate Hersey kisses for the Valentine's Day parties. Parents are asked to donate water and grapes. Parent volunteers will pick up Kisses in the MPR.

A separate bank account is being set up for the Playground funds. The idea is that this account can live on even after we do any immediate improvements. Any donations can be made out to the Mt Lebanon School District, with a note designating the Markham Playground Fund.

Memory book production is underway. Please turn in photos from school events like the upcoming Valentine's Day parties and the Science Fair. Colored copies of the directory will be offered to all students.

The MLEA meeting update will be 3/1/2018<sup>t</sup>. Please submit questions to Moira Aulbach or Sue Galeone by 2/16. A copy of last year's questions is available if you are interested.

The PTA School Board meeting is set for 4/12/18 at 7pm.

Kindergarten Registration is ongoing. There is one spot left to sign up to host a "Coffee and Kleenex" on My School Anywhere.

Thursday 2/8 is Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. The theme is "Stop and say Thank You!" Kids can wear RED to show their appreciation.

### **1<sup>st</sup> V.P. (Corby Larocca)**

Corby reports that the Flight fundraiser for the Markham Playground Fund went well. 57 tickets were sold and approximately \$200 was raised.

Jamie McMonigle updated the PTA on the Science Fair that will take place on 2/8. Everything is ready to go for the Science Fair, which will be held in the Gym. Around 75 projects will be exhibited! At the event, 100 tickets will be dispersed for a Mad Science presentation. Kits will also be distributed to the teachers to demonstrate the experiment to their classes.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> V.P (Sue Galeone for Hollie DeLuca)**

Hollie has nothing to report.

### **3<sup>rd</sup>V.P (Mandy Mitchell)**

Mandy reports that planning is underway for Markham Magic. Please let her know if you would like to be involved.

Following up on the Read-a-Thon, the special assembly for the students “Wild by Design” will take place March 5. Please let Mandy know if you can volunteer to help with the event.

Committee chairs should be on the lookout for a survey on their chair positions. Please complete the survey and return. As well, please update and return any “Redbooks” for events that have been completed.

### **Principal (Natasha Dirda)**

Ms. Dirda encourages parents to feel free to contact her with any questions. She gave an overview of upcoming Markham events. It will be a busy few months ahead!

2/16 Act 80 day, grades 1-5

2/19 President’s Day (no school)

2/26 kick off Read Across America Week, look for upcoming theme days

3/14 District Orchestra concert at the HS Auditorium, 7:30

3/16 Markham Circle Breakfast at 7:45, to be followed by a Principal’s Coffee in the MPR

Ms. Dirda reports that the Makerspace is coming along well in its new location on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. She also reports that Mr. Mallory will be visiting the school for the “Wild by Design” Assembly!

### **Communications (Linda Harrold)**

#### **Treasurer (Laurie Vota)**

Laurie reports that the finances are going well. She reported on the Holiday Fair and the Scholastic Book Fair. The vendor 10,000 Villages has offered to give the PTA a donation of 15% of the profits from the items sold by their organization at the Holiday Fair. The Book Fair

unexpectedly made a small profit. Usually that is not an event undertaken for fundraising, just for the books that can be obtained for the library. Some upcoming expenditures are an additional \$60 for Spelling City and the "Wild by Design" assembly at \$850. The PTA incurred an expense of \$152 for new checks from Quicken.

### **Historian (Sue Galeone for Tracy Paul)**

The PTA Reflections results are in. Kelley Bowen, the Reflections chair, reports that the Mt. Lebanon Council PTA has announced the top three entries in each category, and those students will move on to compete at the Regional level. Markham had a great turnout again this year. The following artists are moving forward in the competition: At the Primary level, 2D/3D Visual Art, Colin Bozick placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the Intermediate level, Photography, 1<sup>st</sup> place, North Rajakumar; Music Composition, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Atlantic Rajakumar; 2<sup>nd</sup> place North Rajakumar; Dance Choreography, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mollie Gill; Literature, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Henry Mitchell; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Ben Bowen. Congratulations to all the students moving forward and thanks to the parents, teachers and Mrs. Miler.

The Odyssey of the Mind competition will be at Moon High School on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Markham has five teams participating. Good luck to all the teams!

### **Committee Reports**

**Holiday Fair:** Laurie Vota reports that the Holiday Fair went well. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped the event to run smoothly.

**Spelling Bee:** Sacha Klink reports for the chairs, Kirsten Engle and Tracy London, that the Spelling Bee went well. Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Anouk Ritivoi. Delaney Smith came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Anouk will represent Markham and MTLSD at the 68<sup>th</sup> annual Spelling Bee held at Robert Morris University in March. Anouk and Delaney also won a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica online. Congratulations to all the finalists and thanks to all who helped that evening.

### **New Business**

#### a) Budget amendments

It is suggested that the budget for the upcoming ice Cream Social be raised from \$25 dollars to \$225 dollars total.

- i.) Mandy Mitchell made the motion to approve the increase from \$200 to \$225. Corby Larocca seconded the motion. – All approve

The Markham playground is set to be updated the summer of 2018. There is a committee in place to determine the best updates and fundraise money for the project.

- ii.) Corby Larocca made the motion to donate a sum of \$5000 to the Markham Playground Committee. Laurie Vota seconded. -All agree

**Old Business**

Corby Larocca reports for Shelley Pieklik that the PTA Nominating Committee thanks the committee for meeting to determine the candidates to fill the open positions on the PTA Executive Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

- i.) Sue makes a motion to approve the approve the slate of PTA Executive Board Officers presented by the Nominating Committee for the 2018-19 school year.

President: Sue Galeone

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Corby Larocca

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Hollie DeLuca

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Mandy Mitchell

Treasurer: Mary Byrne

Historian: Laurie Vota

Communications: Allison Shanahan

Secretary: Ann Bozick

Corby Larocca seconds the motion. – All approve

Sue opens nominations up to the floor. No nominations are given by those present.

“Without objections, the nominations for President, 1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Treasurer, Historian, Communications, and Secretary are closed.” – Sue

The election will take place at the PTA meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

The official start date for new officers is May 1, 2018

Thank you to the Nominating Committee - Shelley Pieklik, Corby Larocca, Laurie Vota, Mary Byrne, Mr. Mallory and Ms. Dirda for doing a great job of putting the 2018-19 slate of PTA officers together.

**Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 by Sue Galeone. All approve.

Submitted by Sacha Klink, Recording Secretary

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