

Markham Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

Markham MPR

November 15, 2017

- 1) Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 8:48 a.m. by Sue Galeone, President
- 2) Approval of Minutes
“A motion is made to approve the minutes from September 22, 2017” Sue Galeone.
- All approve

3) **Executive Reports**

President (Sue Galeone)

Sue Galeone welcomed the attendees and the board. She began with community news, specifically the Outreach Choices Program. The program has seven new clinicians available to meet with students and are taking appointments and referrals.

There were no new announcements regarding the municipality.

The Mt Lebanon Library reported a fantastic turnout for Fright Night, with over 700 attendees. The library also wants to announce that its Maker Space initiative will have programming beginning in January.

The School Board is still considering options for the “Rock Pile” at the high school but is leaning toward covering the area in turf. Community members may reach out to the School Board with suggestions for the area.

Mellon and Hoover Elementary Schools are considering hosting a walk as a fundraiser to support juvenile diabetes research.

(Capital campaign – maker space wish list)?

Mr. Mallory, the interim Markham principle, announced that the Markham Maker Space will be moving to a new location on the second floor, a space currently utilized as the 5th grade science lab. There will be a display in the hallway during conferences explaining ways families may contribute to the Maker Space. As well, there are tentative plans to hold a workshop for parents on the Maker Space in December.

1st V.P. (Sue Galeone for Corby Larocca)

Corby reports that fundraising going well for the 2018-2018 school year.

2nd V.P. (Sue Galeone for Hollie DeLuca)

Hollie reports that Mr. Humes is currently doing the lost and found auction during the lunch hour to reconnect students with their possessions. The items will also be out on the table in the Markham entryway during conferences. Please find your lost items! Unclaimed items will be donated.

Currently, Membership stands at 163. That number includes 40 family memberships, 123 parent memberships, and 25 faculty memberships.

3rd V.P. (Mandy Mitchell)

Mandy reports that they have enough volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair.

The bake sale made use of the e-site "Sign-Up Genius" to recruit volunteers and the site is recommended. The automatic reminders sent out to volunteers were especially appreciated.

Sue Galeone reminded everyone of the necessity of clearances for school volunteers, especially for the field trips, where full clearances are required.

(out of order)

A short introduction is given for Mr. Mallory, the Markham interim principle. He let the assembly know that a new principle had been appointed at the School Board meeting on Monday November 13, 2017. The new Markham Principal, Natasha Dirda was approved unanimously and will have a probable start date of January 1, 2018. Mr. Mallory will transition Mrs. Dirda into her new position and she will be present in the building off and on until her tenure officially begins.

Communications (Sue Galeone for Linda Harrold)

An e-blast will be sent regarding the Scholastic Book Fair. Books can be purchased Thursday and Friday of this week. The event is not a fundraiser for the PTA, but does contribute book credits for the teachers and the Markham library.

A reminder that articles for the Markham Messenger must be turned in by the Monday prior to the distribution of the Messenger. The articles must be Markham community events.

Historian (Tracy Paul)

Tracy thanks all the volunteers for the classroom Halloween parties. They did a great job and the parties were a success. The Holiday parties will have a new addition this year – pizzelles! Apples and water will also be provided.

Kelley Bowen reports that the PTA Reflections contest received 25 entries. Out of these, 5 entries from each division will advance to the PTA Council level.

Treasurer (Laurie Vota)

Laurie reports that the Markham PTA finances are doing well. We are up \$8000 this year, due largely to income from the Read-a-Thon.

The Markham Read-a-thon was a great success and made over \$11,000 this year. The expenses were larger than average, but the amount raised was also significantly higher.

All in all, Markham PTA is in a good place financially! There have been no unusual expenditures. Spirit wear reported no profit, as the items are sold at cost. The Welcome Back Picnic made a small profit. The Election Day Bake Sale did well.

All of the national and local PTA dues have been paid. The taxes have been filed and the insurance is due in January.

Also, a request to any committee leaders - if you know that your budget will not cover your event, please contact the treasurer before making purchases.

New Business (part 1)

a) Budget Amendments

The Read-a-Thon fundraiser was a great success and the students were promised a special treat if they reached their fundraising goals. As such, a special assembly presented by the Carnegie Science Center called "Wild by Design" is now a possibility. The cost will be approximately \$850.

i.) Moira Aulbach made the motion to approve the Read-a-Thon assembly. Ann Bozick seconded. - All agree

ii.) It is suggested that the teacher discretionary fund be increased from \$100 to \$150.

Ann Bozick made the motion to approve the discretionary fund increase. Moira Aulbach seconded. - All agree

iii.) It is suggested that the hospitality budget be increased to \$300 from \$200.

Moira Aulbach made the motion to approve the increase and Megan Millman seconded the motion. - All agree

b.) Playground Committee

The Markham playground needs some updating and especially needs to replace some broken equipment. To this end, a Playground Committee will be enacted comprising of 5 members, to generate ideas as to what the playground needs and how to fund the changes.

- i.) Mandy Mitchell makes the motion to establish a Playground Committee and Ann Bozick second the motion. - All agree

Committee Reports

a.) Walk to School Week

Kari Ressler did a great job with Walk to School week, October 2-6, 2017. There were fun giveaways like water bottles and after- school apples and there were also a lot of walkers during this fun week – the highpoint of the week had over 240 students walking to Markham!

b.) Custodian Appreciation

Toni Sorsdal did a wonderful job with Custodian Appreciation Day on October 13, 2017. Gift cards were provided for the custodial staff for “Crust” pizza.

c.) Spirit Wear

Thanks to Marcie Eberhart for taking charge of spirit wear. The sales have been what is expected and everyone is happy with the vendor.

d.) Read for the Record

Read for the Record took place on October 19th. Every class in Markham was read the book “QUAKERS” by Liz Wong. Over 2 million people around the world read the same book on the same day. Thanks to Marcie Eberhart for arranging all of the volunteers. Marcie suggest that in the future this may be best as a K-3 activity given the younger appeal of the book.

e.) Read – A – Thon

Read-a -Thon was a fantastic event this year! There were a lot of new changes and they were very well received. Markham had over 290 readers which means that more than 90% of the students participated in this fun event. The kids read 20,000 minutes over the goal and Markham had 6 readers with over 2000 minutes. The fundraising was awesome with 68% fundraising participation. 47 kids raised over \$100.

f.) Election Day Bake Sale

The Election Day Bake Sale was a fun event and community members remarked that they look forward to buying the baked goods when they come in to vote! Concurrently with the event there was a boil water advisory in many communities in the area so it was hard to get the coffee. There were a lot of great community donations to the event!

New Business (part 2)

It is the time of year when the PTA Nominating Committee is formed to fill all Executive Board positions that will be open for the 2018-2019 school year. A Nominating Committee is necessary to fill the open positions.

Moira Aulbach makes the motion to nominate Laurie Vota as the executive board member necessary for the committee. Mandy Mitchell seconds the motion. - All approve

Moira Aulbach nominates Corby Larocca for the PTA nominating Committee. Mandy Mitchell seconds the motion. - All approve

Mandy Mitchell nominates Ediri Montoya for the PTA Nominating Committee. Sue Galeone seconds. - All approve

Sue Galeone nominates Mary Byrne for the PTA Nominating Committee. Moira Aulbach seconds. - All Approve

Sue Galeone nominates Shelley Pieklik for the PTA Nominating Committee. Mandy Mitchell seconds. - All approve

Moira Aulbach nominates Ann Bozick as an alternate for the PTA Nominating Committee. Sue Galeone seconds. - All approve

Moira Aulbach nominates Megan Millman as a second alternate for the PTA Nominating Committee. Sue Galeone seconds. - All approve

Moira Aulbach nominates Sacha Klink as an alternative Executive Board member for the PTA Nominating Committee. Sue Galeone seconds. - All approve

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 by Sue Galeone. All approve.

Submitted by Sacha Klink, Recording Secretary

Approved: ____ Sue Galeone ____ 11/26/17 _____