

## General Membership Meeting 3/4/2020

Board Members in Attendance: Lori Bignotti, Kelly White, Michelle Gosch, Hitesh Uppal, Susan Gilbert and Wendy Pekol

18 Members in Attendance

Meeting called to order by Kelly White at 7:07pm.

Welcome-Kelly welcomed everyone to the March meeting.

Guest Speaker(s)

Mr. Shawn Riordan, LES Ram QUEST Teacher

- Mr. Riordan graduated from Monsignor Bonner High School and Kutztown University. He has certificates in Elementary Education (K-6) and Special Education. He also earned his Master's Degree in Instructional Systems: Leadership in Technology Integration for Educators from Penn State University.
- He has been married for 23 years and has two children.
- He enjoys spending time with his family and going out to eat because his wife doesn't like to cook.
- Mr. Riordan explained that there are not many districts that have a class/teacher position like Ram QUEST at the elementary level. Most schools have this position tucked into the Media Specialist's position.

Mrs. Georgeiann Sklenarik, LES Library Media Specialist

- She graduated from Holy Name High School and Alvernia University. She has degrees in Criminal Justice, Psychology, Elementary Education and Library Science. She also earned her Master's Degree in Library Science from Kutztown University.
- She has been married for 22 years, has two children and a puppy named Wrigley.
- She loves spending time with her family and puppy and going out to eat because she doesn't like to cook.
- A slide was shown that explained the acronym STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics).
- Mrs. Sklenarik explained that she and Mr. Riordan will be hosting a STEAM and Literacy Night on Wednesday (3/11), the same night as the spring Book Fair Family Night. There will be hands-on STEAM activities for your entire family. Flyers will be going home tomorrow (3/5).

Questions for our Guest Speaker (s)

- A parent asked if there are any daily/weekly hands-on activities here in the Library. Yes, we have different centers and activities with a specific purpose that the students can complete.
- Another parent asked if donations for Ram QUEST are still being accepted. Yes, please. Shoe boxes and toilet paper rolls are needed.

Budget Review 2019-2020 - Hitesh Uppal

- Income- Basket Raffle (\$6,490), Dine Out Nights (\$1,057.25), FUNtivities (\$5,196.81), Misc Income (\$123.39), School Store (\$285.36)
- Expenses- Author Day (\$1878.69), Fall Family Event (\$331.34), Field Trips (\$1,261.32), Outdoor Classroom (\$383.97), Reading Olympics (\$75), Staff Appreciation (\$149.12), Technology Fund for STEAM (\$1,000)
- Fun Run/Booster Thon has been assigned its own line item since this fundraiser is different than others in terms of having a specific spend attached to it.
- Basket Raffle will reflect in March since Hitesh needs a confirmation from Jess Tolomeo regarding cash box. Hitesh also hasn't received any receipts for payment yet.
- The Hershey Park fundraiser will also reflect in March.
- The Family Fun event shows a negative since Hitesh hasn't received a TAR yet so a deposit hasn't happened.
- Christie Telep motioned to approve, seconded by Kristy Thompson

February Minutes – Wendy Pekol

- Christie Telep motioned to approve, seconded by Kristy Thompson

Board Elections for Secretary and Treasurer

Hitesh and Wendy ran uncontested. An election is not needed. Hitesh and Wendy will serve another two years in their current positions. Hitesh will serve as treasurer and Wendy will serve as secretary.

## Committee Updates

- Basket Raffle (Jessica Tolomeo)-The night of the event we earned over \$13,000. This committee is small but mighty. The event was a huge success! We will have the final numbers soon. We put together the final gifts/raffles. There will be eight student gifts. The homerooms will be announced who won classroom parties based on contributions from families.
- Book Fair (Christie Telep) – The Family Night event will be held on Wednesday, 3/11. This night will also include a STEAM and Literacy event. There will be baked goods and games. Please consider signing up for an eWallet. Preview Day is 3/9. The HSL is also sponsoring an Author Day on Tuesday, 3/10. Most classes will be shopping 3/11 and 3/12.
- ~~Color Run~~/ Fun Run (Kelly White)-The Fun Run will be held on 5/19, with a rain date of 5/21. There will be a kick off/pep rally on 5/8. This event will take place during the school day on the blacktop to raise funds for a STEAM initiative.
- Dine Out Nights (Kelly White) - The next Dine Out Night is on 3/24 at Ruby Tuesday (6-10pm). Dine Out Nights have earned over \$1000 so far.
- Family Fun (Amanda Dabbeek) – The painting event went well. The pricing was amazing. Amanda will possibly plan an event for May.
- Fundraising (Kristy Thompson)-101 out of 100 discount cards have been sold. We have earned over \$1000 in profit. We were given 10 “free” tickets for meeting our goal. So anything over 100 cards sold is profit. We have sold 392 Hershey Park tickets, earning over \$2,400 profit (so far). The deadline was extended. One family will receive a gift package because we met our goal. We will raffle off this gift package.
- Holiday Shoppe (Kelly White) – Nothing to report
- Hospitality/Staff Appreciation (Kelly White)-Nothing to report
- Kids Bingo (Kelly White) – The event will take place on March 27, 2020. This event will be limited to LES siblings and families. It is a free event.
- Outdoor Classroom/Beautification (Anthony Bubel) – We are ready for our first ever Comic Con event! 122 are pre-registered/signed up.
- Refunding (Kelly White) - Giant A+ is still running. We hope to earn about \$3000.
- School Store (Kelly White) – We hope to have school store in April, May and June.
- Spirit Wear (Christie Telep)- Nothing to report
- Yearbook (Kelly White)-PDAs are due ASAP.

## Membership Questions/Suggestions

A parent made the suggestion to have each chairperson document/inform people of what each committee has done (successes/failures).

The same parent had a question about what happens if/when we don't have any snow days. Snow days are embedded in the district calendar. If we don't use them, the school year will end earlier.

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>- Spring Picture Day

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>- Comic Con Event (3:00pm – 6:00pm)

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> – Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Author Visit

Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>- Dine Out Night at Ruby Tuesday (6:00pm-10:00pm)

Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>-Family Bingo Night

Next Meeting- Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (7:00pm-8:00pm)

Call to Adjourn-Christie Telep motioned, Seconded by Kristy Thompson/Adria Ferreri, Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.