

RILEY UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA General Membership
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

1. Call to Order at 6:39 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees:

Sandy Kopucko	Sherri Mazzoni
Kristyn S. Cousino	Lori Sosnowski
Leslie Hinkle	Madeline Acosta
Nicole Dant	

Board Members

- a. President – **Todd Davis (Absent)**
 - b. Vice President – **Stephanie Christie (Absent)**
 - c. Recording Secretary- **Madeline Acosta**
 - d. Corresponding Secretary- **Katie Bates**
 - e. Treasurer – **Nicole Dant**
3. Principal’s Report- **Kristyn Cousino & Sherri Mazzoni**
 - We have been busy preparing for the AdvancED District Accreditation visit, which took place today. The areas that will most likely be looked at for improvement, are already on our radar.
 - MSTEP will begin as soon as students return from Spring Break: April 8th – 5th graders & April 29th – 6th graders
 - 6th Grade Camp will be held from April 22nd-April 24th.
 - March is Reading Month and our top readers will receive a prize from administrators.
 - We are looking forward to hosting Guest Reader Day on March 22nd during the day and Pizza, Pop, and Paperbacks in the evening.
 - Planning on implementing *Wordy Wednesday* for students to practice using new vocabulary words. **Leslie Hinkle** suggested incorporating prizes for kids that use the chosen word in a sentence.
 - Another new practice will be *Manners Monday*, with suggestions taken from the Emily Post book.
 - Our students are excited to finally have weather conditions that allow for outside recess!
 4. Teacher’s Report- Catherine Torrento
 - This week we enjoyed *No Name Calling Week* where students were able to demonstrate how empathy stops bullying by submitting a poster or essay. The winning poster was framed and the essay winners presented their essays during our meeting.
 5. Budget Report – **Nicole Dant**
 - Budget is attached for review. We received money from Dine-Out Nights (Buffalo Wild Wings and Kalahari).
 6. Committee Reports
 - a. Pizza, Pop & Paperbacks – **Sandy Kopacko & Nicole Dant**

We have received an outpouring of support through our Sign-Up Genius for volunteers. Still awaiting a final confirmation from DJ Ryan. Sandy will be picking up the supplies for the Minute-to-Win-It activities, and drinks. Nicole, Madeline, and Sandy will meet on Friday to put together the raffle baskets.
 - b. Membership: Jen McPherson, Nicole Dant, Todd Davis
No new memberships have been submitted.
 - c. Box Tops: Cathy Miner
We are awaiting the check for our Box Top submissions in the amount of \$1809.70.

- d. Roller Skating –**Nicole Dant**
Our next roller skating night is scheduled for March 25th.
- e. Restaurant Dine-Out Nights – **Katie Bates**
No additional nights have been scheduled.
- f. Popcorn Fundraiser – **Katie Bates**
Students have until Friday, March 15th to submit popcorn orders. **Katie Bates moved for the funds from the popcorn fundraiser to be used for the remaining events and activities scheduled for the end of the year. Lori Sosnowski seconded the motion. All in favor.**
- g. Nominating Committee – **Madeline Acosta**
The Livonia PTSA Council has issued a reminder that all PTAs must have a Nominating Committee that will oversee the nominations for the Executive Board for 2019-2020. All positions are considered vacant and open for nominations. **Nicole Dant and Lori Sosnowski were appointed as Riley PTA's Nominating Committee.** Further information about nominations will be communicated.
- h. Youth Making a Difference – *(No report)*
- i. Bottle Drive/Collection
Ms. Kline is collecting returnables to benefit the Flint Water Fund and receiving bottle caps for a special art project. All donations must be in by March 29th.

7. Upcoming Events

- Pizza, Pop & Paperbacks – March 22
- Roller Skating Night – March 25
- Battle of the Books – March 29

8. Comments/Questions

- Any community members looking to donate to a great cause and support our Livonia teachers, please join the Facebook group *The Supply Closet for Livonia Public Schools* for more information. Also share this group with all teachers.

9. Next Meeting scheduled for April 9th, 2019 at 9:30am

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Madeline Acosta