

Vice-President's Report
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Good evening everyone. Mr. Riemer could not be here tonight, so instead I will present the Vice President's report. Earlier this month I had the honor to attend the Pennsylvania School Board Association annual meeting with Dr Steinhauer and Dr Davis. Together with Dr. Steinhauer on day 1, we delivered a presentation on peace purpose and power in leadership. The focus of this presentation was on learning to be the calm in the midst of the storm using mindfulness as a tool. On Day 2, Dr Steinhauer, Dr Davis and I led a discussion on the CASEL framework that the district has used to incorporate the concept of Social and Emotional Learning into all our classrooms. Mt Lebanon has become a leader in SEL and it is becoming apparent that SEL is important to our community. In fact, our new strategic plan includes SEL as one of our 4 philosophical pillars. Dr Steinhauer has done a fantastic job incorporating SEL and mindfulness in all areas of the district. As a school board, our team of 10 has supported SEL as a district goal for several years. As a team of 10, we are the leaders of the district, therefore, before I get to the part where we recognize all the wonderful people in the room, I have asked Dr Steinhauer to lead us through a brief SEL exercise...

Extra Mile Awards

Tonight we are pleased to honor two Extra Mile Award recipients.

Our first Extra Mile Award recipient is Mt. Lebanon Food Service Director Nolen Fetchko who was nominated by Athletic Director John Grogan.

Here is what Mr. Grogan shared with us:

"I want to recommend Nolen Fetchko for an Extra Mile Award for the outstanding job he has done to develop our Game Day Meals program.

I spoke to Nolen about 6 months ago about helping me with some ideas on how to improve and educate our student athletes on sports nutrition. I have been so grateful for the help he has provided. Through his partnership with the University of Pittsburgh and the Game Day Meals

program, we were able to bring out Auburn Weisensale, Director of Sports Nutrition for the University of Pittsburgh to speak to our student athletes and parents.

The Game Day Meals program has been very well received. Our students enjoy the lunches and the healthy choices they provide. We were also fortunate to have had the Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding, visit the high school for a ribbon cutting ceremony to launch the new program, which is being recognized as a best practice and has been adopted in other districts as well.

Nolen has done an excellent job developing Game Day Meals and because of his efforts, I feel he is deserving of this recognition.”

Our second Extra Mile Award recipient is Mrs. Sue Miller, building secretary at Markham Elementary School who was nominated by Markham Principal Natasha Dirda who wrote the following:

“On behalf of the Markham Elementary faculty, staff, and entire school community, we would like to nominate Sue Miller for her commitment and service to the Markham Community. Mrs. Miller has not only been our Markham building secretary for the past 19 years, she has been our colleague, friend, and vital piece of our Markham Circle.

Sue Miller continually goes above and beyond her duties as our building secretary to ensure that EVERYONE feels safe, secure, and accepted. Her WMRK weather updates are one of our all-time favorites and our students and staff always look forward to hearing updates for lunch recess. She has the amazing ability to put a smile on our face and to remind us that together we can accomplish wonderful things. Thank you Sue for all you have done and continue to do for our entire Markham School community.”

Noelle and Dave Conover Donation: Matt’s Maker Space at the Middle Schools

I am very pleased to announce tonight that Noelle and Dave Conover have generously agreed to partner with the District once again, this time to establish Matt’s Maker Spaces in both Mellon and Jefferson middle schools. Noelle and Dave have graciously offered to support the

installation of Matt's Maker Spaces at the two schools with a \$25,000 donation. The District will match this amount using grant funds so that each middle school will have the same resources as the elementary schools' Matt's Maker Spaces.

Thanks to the Conover's generosity, the valuable STEAM experiences that our students have come to know and love as a result of their donation of \$175,000 to establish Matt's Maker Spaces at all seven elementary schools will continue as our students transition from elementary to middle school. I would like to invite the Conovers to come up for a check presentation.

PTA Presidents and Council

The Mt. Lebanon School District has a strong tradition of parent involvement in our schools thanks in large part to our PTAs. First organized on October 22, 1935, Mt. Lebanon PTAs have been key partners in supporting our mission to provide the best education possible for each and every student. On behalf of the students, staff and Board of School Directors, I would like to thank all of the PTA volunteers, and in particular the PTA presidents and PTA Council officers, who work tirelessly and volunteer thousands of hours each year to make our schools a better place for students and staff. I am pleased to introduce the PTA presidents and PTA Council Officers for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are here tonight, please step forward when I call your name:

Cara Wetzel	Foster President
Jamie Freeman	Hoover President
Wendy Liberty	Howe President
Kristin Archbold	Jefferson Elem. President
Amanda Babst	Lincoln President
Rachel French	Markham President
Kara Monocello	Washington President
Jean Thomas	Jefferson MS President
Moria Aulbach	Mellon President
Colleen Frank	Mt. Lebanon High School President
Bonnie Dougherty	Council President
Cristina Battaglia	Council Vice President

Mary Ellen Donato **Council 2nd Vice President**
Rebecca Matheus **Council Secretary**
Rich Messimer **Council Treasurer**
Melissa Harman **Council Historian**

This concludes my report.