

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011

Location: Emerson-Williams Upper Media Center

Meeting Called to Order By: Andrea Ginter

Time: 7:05pm

Attendance: 21

Officers Reports

Call to Order / Opening Remarks

-- by Andrea Ginter

Principal's Report - Mrs. Catarius

-- Paula Heinzmann selected to get Superintendent's award for Parent Volunteer from EW - November 21st ceremony- 6th grade students as well - Veteran's Memorial assembly went very well - the Veteran's were very appreciative - potentially will be doing this every other year - no recess outside for a few days due to storm - creative arts was rescheduled to Dec 7th - CMT's were summarized at the meeting.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Science</u>
3	81.7	67.1	66.7	N/A
4	66.7	61.4	65.8	N/A
5	82.1	68.6	70.6	74.5
6	82.1	68.2	66.2	N/A

Secretary's Report - Paul LaPerriere

-- October's meeting notes - Approval was motioned by Paula Heinzmann - Dave Berry 2nd - Approved

Treasurer's Report - Dave Schroeder

-- \$32,007 - \$24,000 reserved of which \$21,000 is for the playground fund - leaves us \$8190.00 avail for current activities - under budget slightly for GW paper fund raiser

Teacher Representative – Mrs. Nunn

-- moved from Hanmer - Brought the Learn Grant - Kinsella School in Hartford - 18th of November - Clark School to meet partners - lots of enrichment opportunity- NB Museum of Art - travel to a farm - completely funded by the Learn grant - felt very welcomed at EW and is very happy to be with the school

Committee Reports

BOE Liaison - Stephanie McKenna

-- WHS improvement plans were discussed - Superintendent search still under way - nice comments made in regards to the meeting that was held at EW for the Superintendent - new faces to be sworn in on Tuesday

By-Laws Review - John Kiniry/Michele LaVoie

-- no report

Cheer/Teacher Appreciation -- Martina Cacioli/Angela Tollis

-- no report

Community Outreach - Martina Cacioli/Phoebe Ostergren

-- dropped off 6 boxes of food - comments that we may want to look into follow-up care package to troops overseas

Enrichment - Michele LaVoie

-- no report

Grants - Paul LaPerriere

-- Will be applying for the Nike Grant this month which will be 100% specific to the "poured surface" that would be an alternative foundation to the playscape - No news yet on the Lowes grant, but should hear within the next 30-45 days. Heard back from Senator Russ Morin that he has officially begun lobbying for a State grant, and has received additional interest on "Project: Genesis" from Senator Fonfara - no guarantees, but they will be in touch with me as soon as they hear something.

Kindergarten Hand Print - Darka Jara

-- nothing to report - putting things together still

Playscape Committee - Paul LaPerriere

-- Received the new proposal from Creative Recreation - My grant request from Miracle has been returned and we were awarded approximately \$16,800. \$11,245 specific to Phase I and \$5,600 to Phase II. Phase I (which is for the main playscape) will cost us \$31,082 which includes freight and installation. Does not include the removal of the old playscape and site preparation from the town - this is where Mrs. Catarius will be instrumental. Have not heard back from Dr. McDowall after multiple attempts about my inquiry for soliciting businesses to buy bricks for the brick fundraiser that is being planned. Will see if Mrs Catarius can lobby a response for us.

6th Grade - Dave Berry/Michelle Bosco

-- Pie Fund raiser - \$626 profit - Kelly is requesting that a reminder go out

WSPC - Martin Malicki

-- Town wide spelling bee - anyone interested at Emerson that wants to help, can let them know.

FAMILY EVENTS

Bingo - George Bashura/Kelly Weinberg

-- nothing to report

Holiday Store (11/30) – Lauren Barbara/Amber Kiniry

-- looking for volunteers still

FUNDRAISERS

Box Tops - Amber Kiniry/Darka Jara

-- \$948.40 - March is the next deadline -

CT Whale Fundraiser (1/21) - Lauren Barbara

-- selling at the vendor/holiday - \$12 each - Emerson gets \$4

Holiday Vendor Fair - Alicia Schenkel/Kathleen Peacock

-- 15 vendors that paid - 5 other checks coming - 20-25 vendors

Friends/Family Restaurant Night - Lauren Barbara

-- Friendly's week potential the week after Christmas?

Labels for Education - Sharon Koziol

-- response has been slow - collecting them from various projects like Box Tops

Mixed Bags - Paula Heinzmann/Janet Vasel

-- 50% of the profit for vendor night (Cash & Carry) - 40% if you do it online

Spirit Cups - Andrea Ginter

-- order forms are due Nov 15th

Target Card - Kelly Weinberg

-- \$29 to \$62 from last month

Beautification

-- working on small plans for potential playscape

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM

- No new business

CLOSING REMARKS - Andrea Ginter/Martin Malicki

Next Meeting will be on Thursday December 8th at 7:00pm in the Upper Media Center

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:09pm

Minutes Compiled By: Paul LaPerriere, Secretary