

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: May 10, 2012

Location: Emerson-Williams Upper Media Center

Meeting Called to Order By: Andrea Ginter

Time: 7:05pm

Attendance: 16

Officers Reports

Call to Order / Opening Remarks

-- Andrea called to meeting at 7:03pm - sign up sheets are available now and will be made available on the PTO website

Principal's Report - Mrs. Catarius

-- thanks for the teacher appreciation events this week - flowers were a homerun - teachers were thrilled - all day kindergarten was a welcome news - new furniture being ordered - Julie Phillips was the author from West Hartford - did not charge us a lot of money - reasonable and just as good as the expensive author - 4th, 6th grade - 2 presentations to kids - children were very engaged in the event - had a free event from a grant to see a "deaf" presentation - Mr Sardelli - funny poet - tons of upcoming events - jog a thon tomorrow

Secretary's Report - Paul LaPerriere

-- Dave Schroeder motioned to approve - Dave Berry 2nd the motion - passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report - Dave Schroeder

-- \$43,780 in the bank - \$29,413 is reserved mostly for the playground fund which is about \$24k - received \$225 from Wood and tap - \$1186 from yankee candle - transferred \$30 per child for 6th grade - made \$260 on TV turn off week which typically does not earn any money - class enhancements is starting to come in from teachers - Rock Cats - \$168 made on that

- Proposed budget - fund raisers are about the same - was made more actual to this year - 6th grade activities and creative arts is based on total number of kids - losing 55 children, but gaining on all-day kindergarten - kept in high touch high tech - lowered author item a little to \$1500 - goal was to find a reasonable priced person instead - student appreciation is where every student appreciates someone in their life - small cost (every other year event) - \$3,000 approx to go to playscape based on proposed budget - Math Olympiad program was stipended but taken away - we discussed to be give some money towards - Super was contacted and said he would get back to Mrs Catarius - left over money from this year will be voted on to decide where to go to for next year

Teacher Representative - N/A

-- no one was present

Committee Reports

Beautification - Sharon Koziol

-- May 15th - brownie troop will be coming to the school - donating flowers or tree to cleanup entrance and plant flowers/tree - donating plants to beautify the front of the school - Tree Warden explained 2" diameter of tree base but, we can do it differently as long as we keep it further away from the school so lawnmowers can get around

BOE Liaison - Stephanie McKenna

-- TC passed the budget last night - 3.99% increase should include full day K - recommendations is still needed - but, it looks good for FDK

By-Laws Review - John Kiniry/Michele LaVoie

-- nothing

Cheer/Teacher Appreciation -- Martina Cacioli/Angela Tollis

-- Full week of things this week - flowers was quite nice and all events were nice gestures

Creative Arts - Martina Cacioli

-- Poet Sardelli was in today

Grants - Paul LaPerriere

-- Nothing to report at this time

Nominating Committee - Paula Heinzmann/Janet Vasel

-- John Kiniry is nominated for 1st Co President, Michele Bosco for Secretary, and Holly Dyjak is nominated for treasurer – Holly has been voted in as Treasurer

Playscape Committee - Paul LaPerriere

-- Brick Fundraiser - nothing yet, still waiting on survey

-- Mother's Day Encore Event - Scheduled for next Sunday at the school - will have soccer, basketball, and kickball games going on - Tom McCarter will be assisting us with organized soccer help if needed - will have Rita's on site to sell custard - will be supplying water for all attendees - \$50 Salute gift card will be awarded to one lucky attendee as a door prize to bring home to Mom

-- Yogurt Madness Fundraiser - May 31st in Newington - Flyers will go out next week for the event - will earn 20% on sales of that night

6th Grade - Dave Berry/Michelle Bosco

-- Nothing - no updates

WSPC - Martin Malicki

-- Lauren Barbara was chosen for the Emerson Williams WSPC award - on Tuesday at 4pm at Webb - were planning on showing race to nowhere in May - but, now there is no date

FAMILY EVENTS

Art Show (June 7th) - Martin Malicki

-- volunteers needed on June 6th during the school day (Wednesday) - help with all the artwork that has been mounted - or an hour or so after school - looking for some desserts for the night of the art show possibly

Rock Cats Game (May 6th) – Paula Heinzmann

-- Went well and made \$168 - fun day with nice weather

TV Turn off Week - Jackie LaPerriere (April 15-20)

-- Successful events took place all week - very happy we did not lose money and turned out making money. Lots of parents were happy with the events including the Roller Skating event, as well as movie night.

FUNDRAISERS

Box Tops - Amber Kiniry/Darka Jara

-- \$7 as of last month - contest going on right now - in combination with Campbells program

Apparel Sales - Michele Lavoie

-- \$650 was the profit on the apparel sales - lot of T-Shirts and checks - want to do a Fall one with long t-shirt event

Golf Tournament - Paul LaPerriere

-- Have 2 foursomes that registered - both are returning 4-somes from last year - other commitments have been indicated - July 28th, 1:00pm - working on receiving 4 straight weeks of advertising in Rare Reminder for a sponsorship

Jog-A-Thon -- Darka Jara

-- tomorrow - should be a good event if the weather holds up - enough volunteers - we'll have more donations tomorrow

Labels for Education - Sharon Koziol

-- contest being run in conjunction with Box Tops

Scrip Cards - Andrea Ginter

-- going well - profits are somewhere around \$1200 - \$1600 (\$400 a month) - was recommended that a memo be sent home to families to let them know it will continue on the summer and how to contact Andrea

Strawberry Fest - Andrea Ginter

-- Going well - 5 teachers to be in dunk tank - new games again - Popcorn Machine is on its last leg - gears disengage - consider to - \$300 max to get new popcorn machine - vote initiated - motion to approve by Dave Schroeder, Dave Berry seconded - sign up sheets working well for the event - Martin Malicki proposed it and it is going very well - Pack 85 is requesting to have a booth at the event - man a booth or create one to help out - everyone was in agreement to allow them to help - out of the box ideas for raffle items (possibly raffle off a "lunch with a teacher") - recommendations are front of the line pass for holiday store - front row seats for talent show - further recommendations are Principal for a day - Custodian for a day

Target Card - Kelly Weinberg

-- no total for today

Kindergarteners - potential 3 rooms (have space for 4) - projecting 69 kids that could come - will know more soon

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM

-- Nomination for PTO 1st Year Co-President & Secretary for 2012-2013

-- Election of PTO Treasurer for 2012-2013 calendar year

CLOSING REMARKS - Andrea Ginter/Martin Malicki

Next Meeting will be on Thursday June 14th at 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center

Tiger Topic submissions are due by June 1st (email to: tigertopics@ewpto.com)

Next Golf Meeting will be immediately following June 14th after the PTO meeting in the Upper Media Center

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:48pm

Minutes Compiled By: Paul LaPerriere, Secretary