

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: February 9th, 2012

Location: Emerson-Williams Upper Media Center

Meeting Called to Order By: Andrea Ginter

Time: 7:06pm

Attendance: 18

Officers Reports

Call to Order / Opening Remarks

-- by Andrea Ginter

Principal's Report - Mrs. Catarius

-- commented about the presentations of the progress reports and introduced Mrs. Jahne and Mrs. Cookson - briefly discussed Power School software - used to enter student data - will be able to upload all the testing scores, etc - parents/children will be able to log on and check their information, including attendance

Presentation of New Progress Report Drafts - Mrs. Jahne & Mrs. Cookson

-- Wethersfield is new to this progress report, but is not new to what is happening. Wethersfield is basically catching up - Revised because of Teacher and Parent feedback to be up to date with National Standards - more specific criteria versus what we have been doing - more informative report card - been working on for a year - no more letter grades given - told if meeting, exceeding, approaching objectives or is in need of intervention - this is the way it is currently being done in the Middle School - it is what is called a rubric (a new measurement) - 4 point rubric K-6 - some areas will be more specific, while others will remain the way it has been - examples of progress report were shown and a flyer was passed along with survey - asking that input be given back - also on website of BoE - standards are also on the website

Secretary's Report - Paul LaPerriere

-- December and January notes to be voted on - Dave Schroeder motioned for approval of both December and January notes, Greg Ginter seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Dave Schroeder

-- Taste book made \$520 - gift cards made \$350-\$360 - doing well on the grocery gift card (11% increase) - \$3,000 in misc fundraiser (\$2300 to playground fund) - 6th grade pasta dinner - made \$1300 (no cost to PTO)

Teacher Representative

-- N/A

Committee Reports

Coffee Fund-Raiser - Michele Lavoie

-- On-going fundraiser to buy coffee - Martin asked for a PDF that can be put on the website

Beautification - Sharon Koziol

-- nothing to report

BOE Liaison - Stephanie McKenna

-- Michael Emmitt will be the Superintendent next year - begins in July - 2012/2013 budget meetings reviewed, and will be reviewed quarterly - meetings to be announced. Public workshop will be prior to BoE meeting on Tuesday, Feb 14th - video recordings of the meeting on the BoE website - March 8th meeting Elementary PTOs invited to WHS for referendum (abbreviated PTO meeting will be at the High School) - tours to show 21st - 2-3pm - Mr Howe is to create a 6% budget - full day kindergarten will be in that proposal - will be presented to the town council for this Fall coming up - across the district (no pilot) - no bringing teachers back, etc.

By-Laws Review - John Kiniry/Michele LaVoie

-- nothing at this time

Cheer/Teacher Appreciation -- Martina Cacioli/Angela Tollis

-- nothing to report

Community Outreach - Martina Cacioli/Phoebe Ostergren

-- collected 16 bags of stuffed animals

Creative Arts - Martina Cacioli

-- annual fund drivev starting March 5th thru 16th

Enrichment - Michele LaVoie

-- \$450 for a full day - will see what she has to offer

Grants - Paul LaPerriere

-- Received a denial from Lowe's for their grant - waiting on Nike still for theirs - Russ Morin is still trying to State of Ct route, but has not had success as of yet - filled out Sams grant application

Playscape Committee - Paul LaPerriere

-- Town's site survey will take place over the next 6 weeks - will receive a cost to get new location to an ADA compliant status, plus prep work for the installation - Martin is also pursuing the potential for another site location with Mrs Catarius in case the new site is too costly

Brick Fundraiser - Michele Lavoie

-- sample bricks brought to the meeting on display - purchase bricks with engraving people's names, etc. Upon review of the actual cost of the site survey, this fund raiser will be reviewed to see how we will go about organizing this

6th Grade - Dave Berry/Michelle Bosco

-- Pasta was successful - yearbook is starting by Dave Berry

WSPC - Martin Malicki

-- Race to No Where movie - eye opener for some of the parents - pretty emotional apparently - important for the parents/teachers to watch it again - planning on more showings - must be done at the Middle School

FAMILY EVENTS

Art Show (June 7th) - OPEN

-- Ms. Nogerra ordered supplies - looking for parent volunteers, mainly day before/night before - may look for students to volunteer too

Bingo - George Bashura/Kelly Weinberg

-- met with Hammer reps - got lots of ideas for setup, food, etc. Instead of \$5 gift cards - donations for prizes - wildly successful - sell out usually - TV turn off week

Movie Night - Jackie LaPerriere

-- April 20th at Webb - Dolphin Tale will be the movie - 6th grade will do bake sale

TV Turn Off Week - Jackie LaPerriere

- Week of April 16th thru the 19th - a Family Restaurant night is being discussed, Movie night will be on the Friday of TV turn off week, potential Roller skating night, and other ideas are being discussed - details will follow as they become available

Talent Show - Michele Quadrato/Andrea Ginter

-- given until tomorrow to turn in forms - shorter than last year - more strict about seeing the finish product (set routine) - showcase is next Wednesday - March 30th is the talent show - design contest for the cover - 44 acts in last years

FUNDRAISERS

Apparel Sales - Michele Lavoie

-- taken over by the Student Council - TShirts - Mr Coursey and Michele working with a company - \$6.95 cost to PTO - Mr C will pick out the number of colors he would like - go on sale after Feb break

Box Tops - Amber Kiniry/Darka Jara

-- nothing to report - looking into when the contest will take place - will report back

Butter Braids - Martin Malicki

-- paper went home today -

CT Whale Fundraiser (1/21) - Lauren Barbara

-- \$800 fundraiser - sold 148 tickets - next year Oct and then Feb

Friends/Family Restaurant Night - Lauren Barbara

-- Wood & Tap - Amber will be stopping in and will discuss with them the date and potential fundraiser -

Jog-A-Thon -- Darka Jara

-- Michele spoke with Mr Coursey - may do an indoor jog-a-thon - He and Mrs Catarius are tossing the idea around - kickoff to TV turnoff week

Labels for Education - Sharon Koziol

-- two important things - which magazines apply? - Newstand only - none on subscription - in the middle of a bonus time - 500 points for full page

Mixed Bags - Paula Heinzmann/Janet Vasel

-- Spring - catalogs coming home in back-packs - March 5th thru March 16th

Scrip Cards - Andrea Ginter

-- going well - couple more orders today - dont just have to get groceries - buy gift cards with the gift cards (food, Amazon, etc) - 97 S&S cards registered - \$966 earned

Spring School Pictures - Michele Lavoie

-- No date yet

Strawberry Fest - Andrea Ginter

-- looking at June 9th - email from Andrea on meeting soon to committee members

Target Card - Kelly Weinberg

-- 30 card holders - \$159 so far

Yankee Candle - Darka Jara

-- sale will start March 15th and end on April 2nd - delivered a couple days before mothers day

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM

-- Vote on proposed \$100 expense for Wethersfield Spelling Bee - Mrs Cookson and Ms McCabe are the Emerson teachers - 22 students from Emerson Williams - grades 1-6 - Dave S motioned, Lauren seconded - key card access on copy room - need to go to office to get access with badge - PTO Today Expo on May 2nd

CLOSING REMARKS - Andrea Ginter/Martin Malicki

Next Meeting will be on Thursday March 15th at 7:00 pm at High School - will be an abbreviated meeting

Tiger Topic submissions are due by March 3rd (email to: tigertopics@ewpto.com)

Next Golf Meeting will be March 8

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:22pm

Minutes Compiled By: Paul LaPerriere, Secretary