

# Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: October 11, 2012

Location: EW Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: Martin Malicki Time: 7:05pm

## Officers Reports

### Principal's Report – Mrs. Catarius

Mrs. Catarius gave a presentation on the 2012 CMT scores. She asked that parents speak with their child's teachers regarding specific questions.

Every classroom now has a smartboard. The nurse's office has been tiled. The goal is for every child to have a parent come in for the upcoming conferences in October.

Report cards will go home on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Officer Regan is visiting to speak about internet safety for grades 5 and 6.

### Teacher Representative – Mrs. Harris – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Mrs. Harris thanked the PTO for the luncheon, which was great - EW now has iPads available for all teachers who need them - the third grade's focus this year is on readers and writers workshop – she discussed writers notebooks for grades 3 and 6

### Secretary's Report – Michelle Bosco

the minutes for both June and September were approved.

### Treasurer's Report – Holly Dyjak

we received a check from LifeTouch for \$788; this was from the 2011/12 school year – we made \$1400 in PTO membership dues so far – check was cut for creative arts in the amount of \$ 1540 – the PTO received a donation of \$230 in memory of Lauren Barbara's father – Mr. Coursey purchased an Apple TV for \$100 for use in PE – the current playscape fund is over \$37,000

## Committee Reports

### Address Directory – Greg Ginter

the address directory will be out next week.

### Appreciation Week

open

### Beautification – Sharon Koziol

nothing to report

### Birthday Board

all set

### BOE Liaison

Open. We still need a liaison to attend the Board of Ed meetings and report back to EWPTO.

### Bylaws

nothing to report

### Cheer/Teacher Appreciation

nothing to report

### Community Outreach

Thanksgiving food collection taking place the week of November 5<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Wethersfield food bank

### Enrichment

nothing to report

### Family Portraits – Lauren Barbara

we made \$300 which is going to the playscape fund

### Kindergarten Handprint Project

date to be determined – Janet Vassel reported that the handprint project for the '06/'07 school year is still missing

### Media Center Parent Reader Co-ordination

the grades K-2 schedules have been distributed

### Membership

nothing to report

### **Playscape – Paul LaPerriere**

Martin has been having meetings with the town – a new playscape in place of the old would make more financial sense – waiting on possible aid from the town and/or state – we need about 80k total

### **Room Parents**

notifications have gone out – all set

### **Publicity**

open

### **Sixth Grade Activities – Janet/Michele**

the pie orders from the fundraiser will be here on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – pickup time to be announced – the other 6<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser planned for the year is the poinsettias sale

## **FAMILY EVENTS**

### **Bingo**

open

### **Dinner on the Lawn**

open

### **Holiday Store**

taking place on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – kids can shop without parents – everything will be \$2 – wrapping paper and bags are still needed – to be combined with Vendor night

### **Vendor Night**

also taking place on November 27<sup>th</sup> – moving forward with vendor folders – EW families are taken as vendors first; then vendors outside EW – takes place in the gym

### **Movie Night**

nothing to report

### **Talent Show**

taking place in April

### **Apparel**

nothing to report

### **Box Tops – Amber Kiniry**

last check for \$1354 received – another check coming – the money we've been making from the Box Tops fundraiser has been increasing \$150 per year for the past 4 years – contest coming up

### **Butter Braids**

nothing to report

### **Comedy Night**

looking for location – tentatively May 10 with Dave Riley – tickets may be on sale at the holiday store – voted on earmarking money made at the comedy event for the playscape fund – motion made and passed

### **Restaurant Night**

nothing to report

### **Golf Tournament – Paul LaPerriere**

looking at holding it on July 20 at the university Club in North Windham

### **Labels for Education**

nothing to report

### **Mixed Bags – Janet Vasel**

the flyer is coming out tomorrow – orders are due Oct. 26

### **Target Cards**

families can have their Target cards registered and EW gets benefits

### **Scrapbooking**

no chair

### **Scripts**

families can buy gift cards and EW gets 11% of the amount – there is a link to the form on the website

### **Tiger Topics**

the deadline for submissions is tomorrow

### **Wrapping Paper**

we came in under budget

### **WSPC**

met with Chartwells – kids are required to take a fruit or vegetable when buying lunch; this is due to state reimbursement – if lunches do not have a fruit or vegetable, EW could be in non-compliance – Race To Nowhere to be shown again at SDMS in early or mid-November – will be shown to teachers first, then parents – the topic of bullying will be addressed in January; movie on the topic may be shown

**Yankee Candle**

nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM**

- Picture Retakes will take place on Friday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Lauren got a call from the CT Whale regarding another EW night in case anyone would like to head that up
- Hartford Hawks – women's basketball – we could do an EW night for a fundraiser or at cost – possible half-time entertainment – would need someone to head that up as well
- It is often too late for certain incentives when committee sign-ups take place in June so if you are interested in committees that are already finished for this year, let Martin know asap
- Jackie Malizia suggested researching other options for school pictures in order to find more reasonable pricing
- A sheet went around for people to sign if they would like to receive periodic emails with updates for WSPC (reps from all the schools in town get together to talk about issues)

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm**

**Minutes Compiled By: Michelle Bosco, Secretary**