

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: January 10, 2013

Location: EW Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: Martin Malicki **Time:** 7:00pm

Officers Reports

Principal's Report – Mrs. Catarius

Katie Ginter was chosen to represent Emerson-Williams by the Nutmeg Committee

Tomorrow is the Science Expo

Next week EW will have the Geography Bee

Grade 2 is going to the American Museum of Art next week

Classes are back outside for recess

Secretary's Report – Michelle Bosco

November minutes were accepted; motion made by Greg Ginter and seconded by Sharon Koziol

President's Report – Martin Malicki

There are committees that are still open, such as appreciation week and friends and family restaurant night

Mrs. Catarius was congratulated on the announcement of her retirement

Discussion with Superintendent Michael Emmett

The response to the Sandy Hook tragedy was to immediately look at the security in all the Wethersfield school's buildings

The front door at EW is a problem and is being fixed so that is secure

All of the windows were looked at, as well as the exterior lighting; one light at EW was replaced

Wethersfield's school buildings are aging, including collapsible walls which need to be replaced

Looking at interior door locks and changing locking mechanisms

All schools have a panic button and cameras that are working

Crisis manuals and safety procedures have been updated

Parents are being asked for areas of weakness

The focus on the High School renovations has been changed to one of safety, including exterior doors locked, intercom system, enhanced cameras, cameras at the pool, and the amount of supervision at the pool

Security guards at the elementary schools is being considered

Security for evening events, especially at the High School

Focus groups will be done in search for a new principal; parents will be involved in this and probably also in the interview process

Committee Reports

Beautification – Sharon Koziol

Sharon is looking at the first or second week in April to plan a block of time to clean everything out.

BOE

Martin went to the meeting where they were approving curriculum changes and going over school safety

Bylaws

Sharon is waiting for last years bylaws

Community Outreach – Phoebe Ostergren

15 bags were delivered today; more to be delivered this week

Spring Pictures

Nothing to report

Playscape

Paul and Martin met with Senator Fonfara in December. We need to tell the town specifically what we're looking for (in terms of money). Paul thinks we might be able to get it. The idea is to put up the playscape in August of this year.

Sixth Grade

Friday, January 25th is the date for the pasta dinner

Family Events

Holiday Store – Amber Kiniry & Lauren Barbara

Wrapping paper and gift bags are needed for next year

Movie Night

No report

Talent Show

Talent show will be held on Friday, April 5th at 7pm

Showcase date is Monday, Feb. 25th with a snow date of March 4th

Each child may be in one act only

Fundraisers

Box Tops – Amber Kiniry

There was just a contest and the results are being counted

Butter Braids – Phoebe Ostergren

Sale dates are Feb. 11 through March 1

Delivery date will be March 12 at Phoebe's house

Comedy Night – Amber Kiniry, Lauren Barbara, Andrea Ginter

Comedian is Dave Riley; night of May 10 at the Community Center

Raffle items are needed

Reserved seating – first come, first served

\$25 per ticket

Flyer will be going out in the next couple of weeks

Golf Tournament – Paul LaPerriere

Committee meeting right after tonight's PTO meeting

Tournament will be July 20th at the University Club

Got a great deal so it should be a good money-maker

Jog-A-Thon

no report

Labels for Education – Sharon Koziol

There are 2 promotions going on right now

EW currently has about 11,000 points

Target Cards- Andrea Ginter

No report

Script Program – Andrea Ginter

EW made \$600 in Holiday gift card sales

EW made \$1394 just from Stop & Shop gift cards

New Business/Open Forum

- The movie “Race To Nowhere” will be shown on Monday, February 11 at 3:45pm and 7:00pm
- The movie “Bully” will be shown tentatively on March 21 at 7pm and April 11 at 2:45pm
- The date for the Strawberry Fest has been set for June 8
- A motion was made to Martin via email to make a contribution of \$100 or more to Newtown, CT. It was decided that the PTO will wait until WSPC announces what they are going to do with their money from their January walk-a-thon and then re-visit the issue

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51pm

Minutes Compiled by: Michelle Bosco