

# Meeting Minutes

## Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

**Date:** March 14, 2013

**Location:** EW Media Center

**Meeting Called to Order by:** Martin Malicki

**Time:** 7:05pm

### Officer Reports

#### Principal's Report – Mrs. Catarius

Judge Epstein came to the school and read to the kids, who had great questions for her  
There was an article in the Hartford Courant today about Katie Ginter  
CMT's will be finished up next week  
Kindergarten orientation was held last night  
The whittle equipment is coming down tomorrow  
Nora Jones, crossing guard, has submitted her resignation; there will be a breakfast for her on March 28  
Parent/teacher conferences will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of this month

#### Secretary's Report – Michelle Bosco

Due to the copier being down, the February minutes will be submitted for approval along with the March minutes at the April meeting

#### Treasurer's Report – Holly Dyjak

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts came in with design on the wrong side so there is a \$2/per shirt refund coming  
The butter braids fundraiser made \$855.31  
We have paid \$275 to Ron-A-Roll for the fundraiser evening  
The estimated amount in the playscape fund is \$41,500 (not counting this year's earnings)

#### Teacher Representative – Mrs. Forest

The teachers and students are looking forward to the end of the CMT's and getting back to the normal schedule  
Mrs. Forest expressed appreciation to the PTO and Mrs. Catarius

### Committee Reports

#### Appreciation

Currently no chair; Martin has been involved with this and is available to co-chair with another parent

#### Beautification

The EW Spring clean-up will take place on April 6 from 9-11am

The focus will be on the front of the building  
Bring garden tools

### **BOE – Martin Malicki**

The budget has been passed at a 3.75% increase from last year  
There are only 2 classes in the budget right now for next year's third grade classes; BOE member emails are available on the website  
There are currently 17 applications for the principal; the job posting ends on March 22; no focus group has been set up yet  
The last day of school will be determined at the next meeting; many parents have asked to preserve April vacation; one of the options is for snow days to be forgiven

### **Bylaws – Sharon Koziol**

Sharon is reviewing the bylaws and should have them for review by the April meeting  
Changes can be made and the revised bylaws can be voted on at the May meeting

### **Cheer**

No report

### **Enrichment – Michele Lavoie**

Hugu-tuga Reading Rocks is coming on April 25<sup>th</sup> for the k-3 students  
Michele is looking for someone for the 4-6 grade students; one option is Storigami, storytelling via origami; date and cost being worked out  
High-touch, high-tech is ongoing

### **Spring Pictures – Michele Livingston**

Taking place on April 4

### **Playscape – Paul LaPerriere**

Paul has been working with Senator Morin; it looks like we will be getting some funding from the state  
Hopefully by August 2013 there will be a new playscape

### **Sixth Grade – Janet Vasel/Michele Livingston**

The t-shirts have arrived  
The yearbook is being worked on

## **Family Events**

### **Bingo**

Open

### **TV Turn Off Week – Jackie LaPerriere**

The Ron-A-Roll event will be held on April 28  
Thursday's activity will be Cherry Berry

Movie Night will be Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

On Sunday, EW families can eat at Subway during the late afternoon and the PTO will get 50% of the profits

### **Talent Show-Andrea Ginter**

The talent show will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>

Tickets are on sale now for pre-order

The deadline for the flyer cover design is tomorrow; winner will be voted by EW staff

They are looking for volunteers for ticket sales, videographers, etc.

### **Fundraisers**

#### **Apparel – Michele Lavoie**

Like last year, Michele is considering selling colored t-shirts in co-ordination with field day

#### **Box Tops – Amber Kiniry/Alicia Schenkel**

Not all of the containers received for the contest were labeled with which classroom they went to but it looks like Mrs. Cookson's first grade class has won the contest

There will be another contest in a month or so

#### **Butter Braids – Phoebe Ostergren**

\$855.31 earned by the butter braids fundraiser

#### **Cookbook – Andrea Ginter**

April 12 is the submission deadline

Hoping to get at least one recipe from each family

Andrea is looking for someone to help with getting the recipes typed up

#### **Comedy Night**

Tickets will be available for sale at the talent show

They have 50 raffle items so far; still looking for service-type raffle items

A full ortho work-up valued at \$6000 is up for auction on the EW PTO website; the cut-off date will be a couple days before comedy night; ortho work needs to start by

November 10

Teachers and parents have donated items as well

#### **Gold Tournament – Paul LaPerriere**

Taking place on July 20 from 12-6 at the University Club in Wyndam

#### **Jog-a-Thon – Darka Jara**

No report

#### **Labels for Education – Sharon Koziol**

No report

### **Scrip Program – Andrea Ginter**

We've earned \$252.93 so far for Target

Stop & Shop runs through March 28 and the year-to-date earnings are \$2196.38

The 6% we get from Amex may be extended at least through the spring

### **Strawberry Festival – Michele Lavoie**

Taking place on June 8 from 10am-2pm

Michele is looking for someone to run the raffle

She is also looking for someone to run the bottle booth, which is basically just collecting items for the goody bags and giving them out

The DJ from last year is being contacted

Holly is doing the cupcakes

Amber is doing the cakewalk

There will be the same inflatable, including the dunk tank; Michele is working on getting people for the dunk tank

### **WSPC – Martin Malicki**

Still working on a new date for "Race to Nowhere", which was cancelled due to snow  
"Bully" will be shown on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Webb and there will be a panel discussion with SDMS principal Steve Cook and the SDMS school psychologist

"Bully" will also be shown on April 11 at 3:45 at Webb

The walk-a-thon will be on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon at the High School, with the money raised going to something regarding mental health here in town

### **New Business**

- The flyers have gone out for the Rock Cats game, which will be on June 2 at 1:45; the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be singing God Bless America

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm**

**Minutes Compiled by: Michelle Bosco**