

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: May 10, 2013

Location: EW Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: Martin Malicki

Time: 7:06pm

Officers Reports

Principal's Report – Mrs. Catarius

Mrs. LaFleche is resigning after 17 years to teach in Ellington
There are lots of field trips during May and June, including the 5th graders going to the Science Center next week, as well as the 6th grade orientation at SDMS
The spring concert will be held on the 20th of May
Thanked the PTO for appreciation week; everything was wonderful

Secretary's Report – Michelle Bosco

April minutes were submitted for approval
Motion made by Michele LaVoie to approve the minutes
Amber Kiniry seconded motion; minutes approved

Treasurer's Report – Holly Dyjak

\$1113.00 was raised with the Yankee Candle fundraiser
United Health sent the PTO a \$200 check
We received a thank-you letter from Dollars for Scholars
\$500 was rewarded to Margaret Curran

Teacher Representative – Mrs. McLaughlin

Thanked the PTO for all the support and for teacher appreciation week; everyone is grateful
Recommended the book Mindset: The New Psychology of Success, which talks about helping kids to work through challenges using the growth mindset versus the fixed mindset

Committee Reports

Strawberry Festival – Michele Lavoie

Meetings on the next couple of Mondays
Having the same inflatables as usual
Looking for raffle gifts
Amber is running the cakewalk
DJ is hired
Doing cupcake towers with the strawberries
There will be a fire truck, ambulance and smoke truck

Enrichment – Michele Lavoie

The kids liked Huga-tuga

On May 23rd we're having Shakesperience for grades 4-6

Spring Pictures – Michele Lavoie

Total money raised has not been tallied up yet

BOE – Martin Malicki

At the last meeting the budget was approved with a \$325,000 reduction

Bylaws – Sharon Koziol

She has prepared a new draft of the bylaws, which is available on the website

We can vote at the June meeting and amendments can be made afterward

Cheer – Darka Jara

No report

Playscape – Paul LaPerriere

EW is getting \$100,000 from the state of Connecticut for the playscape

Phase 1 and 2 will cost about \$80,000

We will have to use some of the money raised for the playscape fund

Sixth Grade – Janet Vasel/Michele Livingston

Andrea and Holly are working on the yearbook

Family Events

TV Turnoff Week – Jackie LaPerriere

56 people came to the roller skating event and it was fun

We had a good turnout at Dinner on the Lawn

There were a lot of people at the Cherry Berry fundraiser; we made \$188

The subway fundraiser brought in \$416

Movie night had a good turnout and it was a more relaxed atmosphere having it at EW

Zumba night brought in 18-20 families

Fundraisers

Apparel – Michele Lavoie

Profit for the field day clothes should be around \$600

Box Tops – Amber Kiniry

The next deadline is October 31 and the check will be mailed in December

Cookbook – Andrea Ginter

Will probably be in the fall

Comedy Night – Amber/Lauren/Andrea

There are 221 sold tickets so far, as well as lots of raffle and auction prizes
We have \$1200 in silent auction items
Already raised close to \$4500 without raffles

Jog-A-Thon – Darka Jara

Will be held on May 21

Labels for Education – Sharon Koziol

We're getting 400 points for the recent promotion
Doing the classroom competition count for the Popsicle party
Still need more Pepperidge Farm labels

Scrip Program/Target Card – Andrea Ginter

It will not be worth continuing after this school year for a 5% benefit
We currently have 38 Target card holders

WSPC – Martin Malicki

The Walk-a-thon will be held on May 19 from 9-12 - no pre-registration needed –
ceremony will start at 9am – money going to school systems for mental health services

Yankee Candle – Darka Jara

Came in just over target, at \$1112.59

New Business/Open Forum

- Annual reports have been filed with the Secretary of State for 2012
- The nominating committee have come up with the following: Paul LaPerriere as nominee for 1st year President, Michelle Bosco as nominee for Secretary, and Holly Dyjak as nominee for Treasurer
- Sharon Koziol will be looking for records from the Secretary and the Treasurer to be placed in the office

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm

Minutes Compiled by: Michelle Bosco