

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: November 14, 2013

Location: EW Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: John Kiniry **Time:** 7:05pm

Officers Reports

Principal's Report – Ms. Thakur

Ms. Thakur will be holding a Principal's breakfast on January 24th at 9am for parents EW will be using the SBAC instead of the CMT's this spring; it's being called a field test; the dates are April 28-May 16; students will rotate through stations for about 45 minutes

Teacher Representative – Mrs. Fox

The Veteran's Day event went well

Mrs. Fox passed out the "Who's Who & What's What in Music" flyer and event calendar This year's focus is on trying to foster music independence and encouraging personal participation

At the choral level, grades 4-6, they are working on team building and tolerance

The National Music Standards are being adjusted and published in 2015; our curriculums are based on these standards

The 6th grade chorus is voluntary and the numbers are increasing

Teacher Representative – Mrs. McLaughlin

Mrs. McLaughlin co-ordinates the efforts of our 3 tutors

She has been trained on a program called "Reading Recovery" which focuses on using encouraging words and phrases

Secretary's report – Michelle Bosco

No report

Treasurer's Report – Holly Dyjak

The student directory made \$392

We currently have about \$16,700 in our TD Bank account

Committee Reports

Community Outreach – Sheryl McDonough

Collections for the food drive will continue through tomorrow

WSPC – Sharon Koziol

Mr. Emmett talked about the high school renovation and the traffic flow
SBAC is a go
Sally Distoli may do a “town-wide” presentation

Sixth Grade – Michelle Bosco/Michele Lavoie

Pine Acres is in the process of being booked
We are starting to work on the yearbook
We will be having a bake sale during Vendor Night to raise money for 6th grade activities

Family Events

Bingo – Holly Dyjak

No report

Holiday Store – Amber Kiniry/Lauren Barbara

Taking place next Thursday; they still need someone to sell tickets

Movie Night – Lauren Barbara

No report

Fundraisers

Box Tops – Amber Kiniry/Alicia Schenkel

This past submission was for \$1079.60

Labels for Education – Sharon Koziol

1300 labels have been deposited and we received 500 extra points for registering early
With the points we bought a karaoke machine for Mrs. Fox
There are over 2600 points in our account right now
Our next goal is to buy a pump for Mr. Coursey

Mixed Bags – Holly Dyjak

This fundraiser will take place at the end of February or in April or May

Tiger Topics – Chris Thomson

Deadline is this Saturday morning at 10am

Vendor Night – Paul & Jackie LaPerriere

We have 14-15 vendors

Wrapping Paper – Sharon Silbo

Made about \$1500; pickup was tonight

New Business/Open Forum

Decision on Scholarship Committee – the bylaws state that we can't do the scholarship for Connor

Vote for Hero Dance – the PTO does not have the \$350 cash yet; vote was unanimous to front the money needed

Vote for Scrapbooking – not ready yet

Ads for TT vote – motion passed to do a classifieds page at the end of each edition of Tiger topics; ads should be child/school- related only, cost around \$5 each and be limited to 8 ads per edition

School Pictures – Beth Roth proposed that we look for a company other than Lifetouch to do our school pictures

Talent show – there is currently no chair for this event. Andrea is willing to help if someone steps up to chair; we have only budgeted \$400 this year

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31pm

Minutes Compiled By: Michelle Bosco, Secretary