

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: January 9, 2014

Location: EW Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: Paul LaPerriere **Time:** 7:05pm

Officers Reports

Principal's Report – Ms. Thakur

The kids are getting back into the routine after winter vacation
Tomorrow is the last day to claim items from the lost and found box
Grade 5 will have their DARE graduation on January 30
January 24th will be the Principal's Breakfast, which will be an open forum, talking about the SBAC testing and the math curriculum; she's had 17-18 responses so far
This year's 6th grade class will have an extra day at the Discovery Center; April 2nd is parent information night from 6-7pm
The 6th graders will attend the Discovery Center from April 22-25
The 5th graders will attend the Discovery Center from April 28-May 2

Secretary's Report – Michelle Bosco

The November minutes were submitted for approval. Lauren Barbara made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Martin Malicki. Minutes were approved.

Teacher Representatives – 4th Grade Teachers

The 4th grade teachers talked about the Math Olympiad, which accepts up to 35 kids. They meet after school and have a contest once a month.

Committee Reports

BOE Liaison – Martin Malicki

There is a tight budget this year again and they will possibly be cutting more teachers
They have not held any budget meetings yet

Sixth Grade Activities – Michelle Bosco

The yearbook packets went home
We made \$136 from the bake sale that took place during vendor night

Family Events

Wolf Pack Night – Lauren Barbara

A flyer is going out soon for this event, which takes place on February 1
All scouts will get a patch as long as Lauren is notified that they are scouts
There will be a zambonie ride
The gymnastics event during the day is also included, which starts at 8am

Strawberry Festival – Paul LaPerriere

Paul has found a sponsor to help pay for new games

Fundraisers

Box Tops – Amber Kiniry

No report

Tiger Topics – Chris Thomson

Taking entries for Safe Grad
Adding Grade 5 DARE graduation
The deadline for submissions is Saturday at 9am

New Business/Open Forum

Mr. Coursey needs funds (\$400) to clean the gym mats. The mats were gifted to the school so the question is who is responsible for keeping up the cleaning of them. We can put an add in the classifieds to see if someone can donate the cleaning of the mats.

Jogathon money: in other schools the money stays in the PE department. We need to determine who gets the money now.

Talent Show: no chairs

Author visit: Ms. Thakur has a parent that offered to organize an author visit if there was money to back it up. The author mentioned charges \$1100.
Maybe another school would be willing to split the bill.

Martin asked if there was any way to accommodate the 20 minutes of physical activity required per day, even on the cold days. Ms. Thakur said she will be sending the kids out even in the colder weather and the kids need to dress more appropriately for the outdoor play.

Trying to lock in a date for the scrapbooking event; budget is around \$200

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm

Minutes Compiled by: Michelle Bosco, Secretary