

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: March 13, 2014

Location: EW Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: John Kiniry **Time:** 7:02pm

Officers Reports

Principal's Report – Ms. Thakur

All staff members have converted over to gmail

Ms. Thakur just hosted the Admin Counsel meeting; the feedback was very positive and the students were very engaged in what they were doing

Superintendent Emmett said the change from last year was amazing

Ms. Thakur feels that she has tremendous support with her job as first year principal; she received many phone calls afterwards regarding the spectacular things happening in the classroom

The Principal's breakfast is tomorrow from 9-10am; she's expecting about 30 parents; the focus will be on the writer's workshop model

A phone call and email went out to EW families regarding the number of kids out sick or sent home due to the stomach bug; the crew came in on Saturday and did a full cleaning of the building

Many EW parents attended the SBAC presentation; this year is a field test so hopefully we will be learning from it but we need to keep a positive attitude about SBAC for the kids

Food in classrooms and parties will be phased out at the end of this year; Chartwells will be asked to serve pizza to the school for the last day of school; this policy is district-wide; snack will still be allowed

Secretary's Report – Michelle Bosco

The January minutes were submitted for approval. Greg Ginter motioned to accept, seconded by Martin Malicki. January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Holly Dyjak

Box tops brought in \$1033.83

We paid \$50 to the State of Connecticut for our filing

High Touch High Tech is all paid for

The negative number showing on the budget sheet is due to the playscape money not being received yet

Teacher Representative – Ms. Nogueira, Art Teacher

The art show will be on June 2 from 6-8pm

She is looking for a chair for the art show

May have some students playing musical instruments during the show

Teacher Representatives – Mr. Shoemaker & Mrs. Nunn, Grade 2 Teachers

Talked about the City Mouse, Country Mouse program; funded through a grant to participate with the Hartford schools

Our second graders are buddies with the Kinsella School in Hartford; they go on field trips together and learn about communities and diversity

The kids really enjoy it

It's also a literacy program; the kids write letters to their buddies and write about their field trips

New Business

A letter from Lauren Barbara was read to the PTO. In the letter she apologizes for her outburst at the January meeting. She stated that her statement regarding Dr. Rosenberg was untrue and it was wrong and that it was wrong for her to say what she did. She stated that she will no longer be chairing any committees or volunteering for the PTO.

Dr. Rosenberg was present and he stated that he has always supported the EW PTO and offered to make a donation.

Committee Reports

BOE Liaison – Martin Malicki

The new school schedule has been approved

Cheer/ Teacher Appreciation – Darka Jara

Darka needs help for the months of March and June for Teacher Appreciation

Community Outreach

One of our EW families has suffered the loss of the Dad

We still have leftover Stop & Shop cards that have already been purchased; it was suggested that we offer those cards to the family to help them out since the Dad was the main source of income

Motion made and seconded to donate the Stop & Shop cards to the family; motion approved

WSPC

Talked about Para reviews, pizza parties, and the budget

Tiger Topics – Chris Thompson

There were no Tiger topics for last month so anything submitted will be in the next issue
Deadline for submissions is Saturday by 9am

Sixth Grade – Michelle Bosco/ Michele Lavoie

We had a meeting this week; the yearbook is being worked on and dates are secured for the end-of-the year activities

Family Events

Talent Show – Andrea Ginter

Andrea has offered to chair the Talent show again

The showcase will be on March 25; dress rehearsal will be on May 7 and the show on May 9

Tickets will be issued for assigned seating this year and all seats will be \$5

Bingo – Holly Dyjak

Bingo night will be held on the first night of TV turnoff week

TV Turn off Week

Leslie Silva offered to chair this committee

Fundraisers

Scrapbooking – Sandra O'Neil

Taking place on March 29th from 9-5

A flyer went out but only 1 person has signed up so far

She has items for the tag sale

She has vendors coming from 31 Gifts and Stamp It Up

Looking for one more volunteer to help out that day

Labels for Education – Sharon Koziol

No report

Mixed Bag Designs – Holly Dyjak

Scheduled to run March 24 – April 11; we get 40%

New Business/Open Forum

Wednesday will be scout night for the SDMS dress rehearsal of The Wizard of Oz; show dates are April 4, 5 and 6

The Handprint project will happen soon

Darka is handling the Yankee Candle fundraiser which will start on March 17 and will overlap with the Mixed Bags fundraiser

There is no date yet for Jog-A-Thon because the field needs to dry out

The Principal's Breakfast needs a chair and Darka volunteered to do it

We need a nominating committee for next year

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44pm

Minutes Compiled by: Michelle Bosco, Secretary