

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: September 11, 2014

Location: EW Media Center

Meeting called to Order by: Paul LaPerriere

Time: 7:08

Officers Reports

Principal's Report – Ms. Thakur

Welcomed us back.

Renovations to the 3rd grade wing (4 classes) the carpet was removed and replaced with tile

4-6 (77%) are playing instruments; there is soundproof classroom (Emily Caravella)

Playscape was resurfaced

Front entrance renovations are on hold due to funds not being available at this time. The camera still works but the speaker was removed. We are currently using a walkie talkie system until the front entry renovations are complete.

Attendance policy: Phone call with a written note if child is out. 9 absences are ok but anymore will require Dr notes to have an excused absence

Block Schedule: A,B, C,D Days to help teachers with being able to discuss same grade issues. Calenders where sent home

Teacher Representatives – Mary Fox(Music&Choir), Emily Caravella (Instrumental), Brenda McLaughlin (Reading Specialist)

Emily Caravella we have 143 students enrolled this year (30 orchestra) last year we had 111 students enrolled

Mary Fox wants to tie in with the Wolf Pack event

Definition/clarification Assembly vs Concerts:

Assembly = in school attendees only

Concerts = All are Welcome

There will be weblinks posted on Tiger Topics for schedules

Brenda McLaughlin: is requesting assistance for tagging new incoming books

- Books that classrooms will borrow
- Help with organizing on electronic file

Parent: Shana Smith has volunteered to help

Committee Reports

Address Directory – Leslie Williams/Jacqueline LaPerriere

-- Leslie and Jackie are working on gathering the information for the directory. There is a form on the PTO website that can be filled out and submitted. Hoping to have directory completed mid October

Birthday Board-Donnelle Bowers

-- Board is set up and Sept birthdays are already up

Enrichment – Jacqueline LaPerriere

-- Jackie is working with Mrs Woods to coordinate this year's enrichment program. Mrs Woods is polling the teachers to get what they want and Jackie will work with High Touch/High Tech to finalize

Media Center Coordination – Shana Smith

-- Shana Smith stepped up to Chair this, as well as offered to help Brenda McLaughlin with labeling books.

Membership – Paul LaPerriere/Nathalie Trevitazzo

-- Paul and Nathalie will be set up at Open House to collect memberships at the door both nights

Pictures- Karen Dicenso/Nathalie Trevitazzo

-- Nathalie and Karen had a successful turn out for pictures. It went well. Nathalie and Karen will advise when picture retake will take place

Room Parents – Leslie Williams/Alicia Schenkel

-- Leslie sent home letters to request volunteers for room parents - will gather data and then pick who will be the parents hopefully in early Oct.

WSPC – Sharon Koziol

Meets once a month Fridays at 10am

Movie Night scheduled for Friday September 12th at the Town Green – Star Wars

Walk to School – October 8th

Welcome Back Luncheon-Martin Malicki

-- Went very well. Teachers were very appreciative of the efforts and enjoyed the lunch.

Family Events

Holiday Store – Karen Dicenso/Janet Carbo

Janet and Karen volunteered to Co-Chair this event. Will begin planning right away.

Fundraisers

Book Fair-Darka Jara

-- Book fair scheduled to take place next week. Still looking for volunteers to help out for set-up, during, and clean up. Sign up sheet will go out for times needed during the week. Contact Darka with any questions.

Box Tops – Sharon Koziol/Kristen Healy

-- Start collecting the Box Tops

Labels for Education – Sharon Koziol/Matthew Koziol

-- Sharon will be sending home information that will show what products Labels for Education are on. Program worked well last year.

Mixed Bag Designs – Leslie Williams

It was said that this might work best for Mother's Day

Tiger Topics-Chris Thompson

in by Saturday September 13th – prefer no PDF Files

Vendor Night-Ashley Hernandez/Nathalie Trevitazzo

-- Nathalie and Ashley will be working together to set up a time to get together and begin planning the Vendor Fair this year.

New Business/Open Forum:

Idea – Tag Craft Sale: Sanda O’neil thought it may be a better idea to have a craft tag sale, rather than a Scrap-Booking event this year. Was discussed, but not finalized. Sanda will follow-up with information in the future related to what it will entail.

Trunk-a-Treat – Chris Thompson suggested that we have a "Trunk-or-Treat" event at the school.

Paul LaPerriere adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.