

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: February 12, 2015 **Location:** EW Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: Paul LaPerriere **Time:** 7:04pm

Officer's Report

Secretary's Report – Michelle Bosco

The January minutes were submitted for approval; Paula motioned to accept; second motion made by Sharon; the minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report – Holly Dyjak

The Box Tops check has been received; the Holiday store shows over budget because most of the items for next year's store have already been purchased; Pine Lake Challenge for the 6th grade has been paid; the teacher's fund was just paid as a Valentine

Guest – Robert Arduini/DARE Officer

This is Officer Bob's first year teaching the Dare curriculum here and he loves this school; DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education ; he teaches facts and real life strategies; they use role modeling, do skits and act out resistance strategies; bullying is his biggest topic and he is also involved in school vulnerability; the program, now nationally accredited, lasts 12 weeks and the students write an essay at the end; he has been pushing for more at the middle school level

Committee Reports

Cheer/Teacher Appreciation – Darka Jara

January went very well thanks to Karen; they all made grilled cheese sandwiches and were very happy; chocolates were brought in for February; Darka is looking for someone to do March

Community Outreach – Sharon Koziol

Did a very successful food drive; will do another one in early June

Media Center Coordination – Shana Smith

Everything is going smoothly

Sixth Grade Activities – Karen Dicenso

The pasta dinner is planned for March; Pine Acres planning is going smoothly; parent payments should be minimal; committee is meeting next week

WSPC – Sharon Koziol

They are seeking nominations for volunteer of the year and typically the form is sent via email; the ceremony is May 13th at 7pm; the deadline for nominations is March 27th

A representative from the Early Childhood Collaborative spoke at the WSPC meeting; a recent study was done on obesity; Martha Coneelly and Kim Bobin are willing to come in and speak at our meeting

Suggestion Box – Shana Smith

No report

Tiger Topics – Chris Thompson

Deadline is Saturday morning

Family Events

TV Turnoff Week – Jackie LaPerriere

Week of April 12-18; Ron-A-Roll will be on Sunday, 4/12; Jog-A-Thon will be on 4/13; there will be a Cherry Berry fundraiser on the 14th; book fair on the 13th and 15th; the PTO meeting is on the 16th; the Talent Show rehearsal is tentatively on the 16th also; the Wolf Pack game is on the 17th

Fundraisers

Butter Braids – Janet Carbo

No report

Spring Book Fair – Darka Jara

During TV Turnoff week on April 13th and 15th

Box Tops – Sharon Koziol

Contest going on right now; it will be done by classroom and the winning classroom gets an extra recess

Coupon Books – open

Jog –A-Thon – Darka Jara

Will take place during TV turnoff

Labels for Education – Sharon Koziol

Just had another bonus period; labels are going out on Saturday; book bonanza coming next

Mixed Bags – Leslie Williams

There is a bag book and a kitchen & home book; runs Feb. 28 through March 13; dates were changed to avoid conflict; our profit goes up if every child orders \$10

Rock Cats Game – open

Very easy to do per Paula Heinzman

Strtawberry Fest – open

It's a lot of work but someone needs to take over while the people who have done it before are still here; included are food, games, bounce houses, DJ and raffle; budgeted for \$3000

Talent Show – Gisela Perez

Will take place on Saturday, April 18th

Yankee Candle – Darka Jara

Fundraiser will run March 16th through April 3rd; delivery will be in the beginning of May

New Business/Open Forum

Leslie mentioned that EW can register to benefit from Amazon Smile; .05% of purchases are donated to the charity of your choice; Holly said she will register EW

There is a new Keane Foundation grant making money available for Wethersfield schools; the application needs to be in within 6 weeks on March 31st; opening it up to parents for suggestions and ideas for funding needs; there is no dollar amount stated and if awarded, it probably wouldn't take effect until September 2015

Spring pictures will be on Wednesday, March 18

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm

Minutes Compiled by Michelle Bosco, PTO Secretary