

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: April 9, 2015

Location: EW Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: Paul LaPerriere **Time:** 7:03pm

Principal's Report – Neela Thakur

Day 3 of SBAC has just been finished and grades 5 and 6 will be taking them next week; there have been less technological difficulties than there were last year; most students are taking the test on chrome books and others are taking it on the desk tops; the students' keyboarding skills are better this year and they have been using the chrome books all year; this year rulers and other tools are embedded in the test; timing of the test is all done so that makes it more comfortable for the kids; the big question is how helpful the test results will be

Webb and Hanmer have a 4 day hip hop program which covers physical fitness, culture, health, etc. and the leadership team thought it would be great to bring it to EW; the program was available for the last 4 days of school so they booked it for 4 full days; there will be a school-wide performance; the cost is \$1950 and the deposit has been paid already; Ms. Thakur asked if the PTO can pay the balance of \$1550. The decision will be made at the upcoming budget meeting

Secretary's Report – Michelle Bosco

The March minutes were submitted for approval. Paula motioned to accept the minutes and Shana made the second motion. The March minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report – Holly Dyjak

The butter braids amount on the budget sheet is an approximate figure; we received the fall check for \$1128 from Lifetouch; mixed bags made almost \$2000; High Touch High Tech has been paid; \$75 was taken out for poetry night

Teacher Representatives – 1st Grade Team: Megan Foley, Gez Forst, Pam Jones

They have been planning for the end of the year activities; field trips are coming up to Northwest Park and the library and Mikey's Place; they will once again be holding camp read-a-lot and they are running the next Town Hall meeting

Mrs. Corsair is asking that students purchase \$15 t-shirts for Autism Speaks to be worn on April 29

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cheer/Teacher Appreciation – Darka Jara

No report

Community Outreach – Matthew Koziol

No report

Media Center Coordination – Shana Smith

Everything is going well

Sixth Grade – Tracy Tine/Karen Dicenso

No report

Budget Committee – Holly Dyjak

The committee met 1-1/2 weeks ago and talked about investing the money we currently have; there is a big pool of money from the playscape and the committees would need to decide what money to invest and where to invest it; we would need an investing committee and a finance committee; signups will be available when signups for all of the committees go out and everyone is invited to participate; the investment committee would just handle how money is allocated and who to use; the finance committee would evaluate and make changes based on the budget and what the board wants to do; Shana Smith volunteered to chair the finance committee

Nomination Committee – Leslie Williams

Flyers for nominations went out in the backpacks; looking for 1st year co-president, secretary, and treasurer for the 2015-2016 year; the deadline for nominations is April 30

WSPC – Sharon Koziol

No report

BOE – Martin Malicki

No update on gym floor; the public meeting regarding the budget is on April 27 at 7pm; parents can attend and voice their opinion and support of the floor

Tiger Topics – Chris Thompson

The deadline is Saturday at noon; Chris suggested having kids' written or art work displayed in Tiger Topics

Suggestion Box – Shana Smith

There was no response to requests on what to do with potential grant money

FAMILY EVENTS

TV Turn off Week – Jackie LaPerriere

The activities are: Ron-a-Roll on Sunday night, Restaurant night on Monday, Cherry Berry on Tuesday, dinner on the lawn on Wednesday, book fair on Thursday, Wolf Pack game on Friday, and the talent show on Saturday

FUNDRAISERS

Book Fair – Chris Thompson

Will be setting up tomorrow

Box Tops – Sharon Koziol/Kristen Healy

No report

Jog-a-thon – Darka Jara

No report

Strawberry Fest – Holly Dyjak

The date of June 6 has been approved; the deposit has been paid for the DJ, slide, dunk tank, and inflatables; the sub-committees are coming along and about 4 meetings have been set up; they still need sub-committees for food, cake walk, games, and raffle; Janet and Nathalie agreed to do the food

Talent Show – Gisela Perez

Taking place on Saturday, April 18

Yankee Candle – Darka Jara

Was done yesterday

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM

Martin Malicki asked about the students that are being excused from SBAC; SDMS is separating students that are not being tested; why isn't EW? Ms. Thakur explained that we need to have someone available to watch the kids; there is 1 student from the 3-4 grade opting out and 8 students from the higher grades opting out

Martin is still looking for data on how many hours teachers are being pulled out of the classrooms

The BOE meeting is this Tuesday at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48pm

Minutes Compiled by Michelle Bosco, PTO Secretary