

# Emerson Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2013

## Regular Monthly Meeting (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

### 1) Welcome (6:00-6:10)

- a) Welcome to new participants; introductions; sign-in sheet
- b) Review of agenda; handouts

### 2) Safety/Security Director – Luis Yudice (6:10-6:30)

- Luis Yudice, the head of the School Safety and Security Office, spoke to the PTO about the District's approach to keeping our schools safe.
- Mr. Yudice's Office serves as the intake for emergency communications and is responsible for the coordination and monitoring of fire drills, Code Red drills, severe weather drills and for the maintenance and function of the district's emergency radio system.
- Mr. Yudice provided an overview of the district's approach to adopt reasonable measures, with the understanding that they cannot prevent everything. For detailed information, please see: <https://suptweb.madison.k12.wi.us/node/3>.
- Mrs. Kepler provided an overview of the new security entrance camera and the new policy for entering the school during certain hours that will start this coming Monday. From 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., all doors will be locked. During that time, people should enter at door "3a" and use the intercom/camera system to be let in.

### 3) Officer and Principal Reports (6:30-6:50)

- a) Secretary (Amy Kasper) – January minutes were approved.
- b) Treasurer (Patty Richardson)
- c) Principal (Karen Kepler)
  - A DJ has been secured for the school dance.
  - Emerson's first "Read Your Heart Out" was a success. Emerson led the district in the number of total readers. Some tweaks will be made for next year. A big thank you to Kristin and Ebony for all their work in making this day a success.
  - In April, we will start planning Tuesday Night Lights for next year – looking for parents to volunteer to help ensure the program continues.
  - Will invite MSCR to an upcoming meeting to discuss programming.
  - The elevator dedication will be June 11<sup>th</sup> – same day as the school picnic.

### 4) TaG Update – Lyn Macgregor (7:00 – 7:10)

- Lyn provided an update on MMSD compliance with state requirements – the State is looking for better uniformity across the district.
- There was discussion about the need for a better assessment tool and the structure/function of the parent advisory board.
- On April 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a seminar to help free your child of perfectionism.

### 5) Committee Reports and Volunteer Opportunities (7:10 – 7:40)

- a) Fundraising – EagleFest coming up Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>; Square One order forms will be going home soon.
- b) Events – Fun Night Recap – overall the night was a success, may need to re-think promotion and how to recruit more volunteers, particularly for clean-up.  
School Dance coming up May 3; Kindergarten Registration is on March 4th, Spring Garden Day is on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- c) Publicity – Emerson Gear
- d) Staff Appreciation

### 6) Adjournment