

Emerson Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2012

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

1) Welcome (6:00-6:05)

- a) Welcome to new participants; introductions; sign-in sheet
- b) Review of agenda; handouts
- c) Questions or concerns?

2) Homegrown Holidays wrap up (6:05-6:15)

- Reviewed Homegrown Holiday Fundraiser revenues – Request to follow up with REAP about product selection for next year and the possibility of a basket display being made available earlier.

3) Family Fun Night Organization

- Rosy has put together an overview binder, which includes a description of set up, games, prizes, etc. Still need a few volunteers to help with the games. Safe Haven might be able to offer volunteers. Perhaps have 5th graders run games or other community organizations.

4) Vista Update – Kristin Armstrong

- Has created an Emerson Facebook Page – which allows the District to better track and promote what is going on at Emerson.
- Planning first Multicultural Family Night – Tuesday, Feb. 26th – Sent out survey regarding cultures, heritage, traditions, etc. - Kiwanis international club has offered to help with the night.
- Target parent room is coming along, which will be located in front hallway – Reviewed design plans and furniture selection.

5) Officer and Principal Reports (6:15-6:35)

- a) Secretary (Amy Kasper): minutes from November meeting approved.
- b) Treasurer (Patty Richardson): report for November 2012 reviewed.
- c) Principal (Karen Kepler) – Thank you to Ale Asylum for doing a winter gear drive – still need snow pants and water resistant winter gloves.
 - Working with U.S. Bank who has offered to help with some of the school's needs.
 - Book fair profit - \$771 was raised for this year's library – looking to purchase more culturally relevant books.
 - Goal of increasing active play outside – hoping to have 12-15 total stations – signs are \$150/each - Thank you to Ms. Kitty for leading this effort and to Ms. Schramm for helping design the graphics for the signs.
 - Elevator should be done in early January.

6) Committee Reports and Volunteer Opportunities (7:00 – 7:20)

- a) Fundraising - 44 kids participated in Spellcheck - money is just starting to come in; Eagle Fest planning has begun – scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 24th – working on raffle and bands.
- b) Events (Fun Night) – still need help for games – teachers usually sell tickets.
- c) Publicity – hoping to explore new ideas for Emerson gear.
- d) Staff Appreciation – Kristen has offers to take over staff appreciation for next year.

7) Calendar – look ahead (7:20 – 7:25)

- a) 4th Annual Variety Show – 12/18
- b) Winter Break – 12/24 - 1/4

8) New Business (7:25-7:45) – Looking to do another spring “Learn to Ride a Bike” which was very successful last spring.

9) Adjournment