

# Emerson Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2013

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

- 1) **Welcome (6:00-6:05)**
- 2) **Staff Grant Request (6:05-6:15)** – Approved Ms. Gallagher’s \$100 grant request for 10 shovels for the kids to use on the playground.
- 3) **Officer and Principal Reports (6:15-6:35)**
  - a) Secretary (Amy Kasper): minutes from December, 2012 meeting approved.
  - b) Treasurer report for December, 2012 – Patty absent.
  - c) Principal (Karen Kepler)
    - Received \$183 for Kemps Milk tops – thank you to Miss Kitty for managing this program!
    - Crossing guard appreciation week coming up – will purchase three \$10 gift certificates for our wonderful crossing guards.
    - School counselor grant to begin at the end of January – hired Wendy Ellis for this position. She will be here for 3 years (½ time here, ½ time at Glendale) – Emerson was 1 of 6 schools to receive such a grant.
    - Will be receiving a bike rack from Saris for staff/parent use.
    - Elevator passed fire inspection today – in 2 weeks should be done – ribbon cutting date to be determined.
- 4) **Security Update (6:35-6:55) – Karen Kepler**
  - On the district website, there is a power point that shares information on resources for families dealing with a traumatic event.
  - Mrs. Kepler’s No. 1 rule: safety first.
  - Reviewed different levels of security/safety systems/emergency procedures for the school, including code red procedures.
- 5) **Vista Update (7:10 – 7:20)** - Kristin Armstrong, Vista Coordinator
  - Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - Read Your Heart Out event in conjunction with National African American Parent Involvement Day.
  - May 28<sup>th</sup> - new date for multicultural family night.
- 6) **Committee Reports and Volunteer Opportunities (7:20 – 7:45)**
  - a) Fundraising – Eagle Fest
  - b) Events - Fun Night – clip and return going home – still looking for volunteers to help
  - c) Publicity
  - d) Staff Appreciation – Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Desert buffet
- 7) **New Business (7:45-7:55)**
- 8) **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, Meeting 6:00 - 8:00**

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