

## Emerson PTA Meeting

January 15, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.

- I. Call to order at 8:34am
- II. Approval of November 2018 minutes First motion by Laura Yates, Second by Kim Daly.
- III. Officer Reports
  - a. Principal's Report Dr. Thompson:
    - Thank you for the Teacher's Lounge supplies and treats.
    - Thank you for the Holiday parties in the classrooms and thank you to the parent volunteers.
    - Rec Nights start 1/15.
    - Trivia Night: there will be a teacher table. Still seeking donations for the raffle prizes, there will be a "Principal for the Day".
    - Dr. Thompson's substitute will be announced to cover for her maternity leave.
    - Fountas and Pinnell testing starts today. It's the mid-year check-in.
    - Access Testing for ELL starts next week.
    - Encourage parents to take the Five Essentials Survey please!
  - b. Teacher's Report Mrs. Weeks:
    - Thank you for the updates to the Teacher's Lounge.
  - c. Treasurer's Report Dina Bradford:
    - Exceeded our expectations for PTA Fair Share, thank you to Kristin Gryglas. Programs should all be funded and we can determine donations for the remainder.
    - Need a motion to approve increasing the Teacher Appreciation Budget from \$750 to include the additional \$1,215, totaling \$1,965. First motion to approve from Laura Yates and second from Nikki Slowinski.
  - d. President's Report Beth Diviacchi:
    - Holiday Boutique was a success. Thank you to the organizers.
    - Thank you to the Teacher's Lounge improvement committee: Angela Hedworth, Paige Wulfert, Stephanie, Anne Rockwell and Laura.
    - Kate Melzer coordinated the Ice Skating Party, had approx 126 kids attend.
    - Rec Nights starting tonight for each grade.

- Eat and Earn at Lou Malnati's 4:00-10:00 pm on Wednesday.
- Last Eat and Earn from Portillo's earned \$290.
- Chess Club for grades 2-5 will be on Fridays from 3:00-4:00pm.
- February 6 at York High School is the Summer Rec Open House event. Looking for volunteers.
- February 8 is Emerson Trivia Night at Knights of Columbus, 24 total tables.
- Superintendent Coffee at York HS on 2/12.
- District 205 Gala on February 9.
- PTA meeting on 2/9 is an evening meeting and Sarah Porterfield will be making a presentation after the meeting: "Be Smart" about kids, guns and safety.

#### • IV. Committee Reports

- School Improvement Committee: Angela Hedworth: Teachers Lounge. Seeking teacher feedback on their ideas for improvements. Stocking copy room supplies, snacks once per month a special treat (e.g. barista coffee bar, smoothies).
- Anne Rockwell prepared a presentation regarding the interior design improvements for the lounge including furniture, window treatments, organizational ideas. Will review details and costs.
- Nikki Slowinski: 1/25 Smoothies for teachers
- Ways and Means: Kristin Gryglas 330 student families paid out of 386 total. 85% success!
- Kim Daly: need to secure a new Science Olympiad Leader and Committee for next year. Ideally find those interested now to shadow this year's crew to learn.
- No Frills Run family - "North Striders" as part of the northside running club. Anyone can join the run and form groups.

#### V. Upcoming Events/Announcements

1/16 - Eat and Earn at Lou Malnati's 4pm - 10pm

1/15 - 5th Grade Rec Night

1/16 - Kindergarten Rec Night

1/17- 3rd Grade Rec Night

1/22 - 4th Grade Rec Night

1/23- 1st Grade Rec Night

1/24 - 2nd Grade Rec Night

2/8 - Trivia Night

2/9 - D205 Gala

VIII. Adjournment [Motion to approve: first by Kristin Gryglas and second by Kristie Szejner at 9:20 am.](#)

**Next PTA meeting is February 19th at 7pm in the Library**