

WEF Meeting Minutes March 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Co-Presidents, Jen Theriault and Colleen Guida welcomed members and special guest, Superintendent, Dr. Zrike

Special Guest (JT, CG) Jen and Colleen introduced Dr. Zrike who updated the group on a number of school district initiatives, staffing considerations and school budget matters. issues related to the school budget.

Some of the topics included the following:

- Town meeting on May 4th- Dr. Zrike encouraged members to attend Town Meeting on May 4th. The School budget will be voted on at town meeting and the school needs support in increasing the budget this year for a number of “must haves” that are accounted for in this year’s proposed budget.

Some of the “must haves” include: Tuition free full day kindergarten, increase in \$130,000 in budget for curriculum, adding SPED services, adding staff: nurses, computer teacher in h.s., math coach, elem. school counselor

- Other discussion points with Dr. Zrike:

Proposed 5 day schedule for elementary schools

STEAM- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math

Parent University, 3/21

METCO International Night on 4/10, 6-8, please show your support

Celebration of Learning 4/16

Secretary’s Report: (ER) minutes from February, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: (ML) Feb. Treasurer’s report unanimously approved.

Rebranding/Logo: Thank you for your feedback via Survey Monkey, we have a new logo! Plan to formally unveil it at the Celebration of Learning on 4/16

PR: (CB) Announcement of COL was on front page of yesterday’s paper!

Website: (JH, FH) Fran Harrington is shadowing Jean to learn how to update the website.

Facebook and Twitter: Kathy Skobe continues to update our Facebook page. We need another volunteer to assist Kathy with Facebook updates. Colleen is updating Twitter!

Grant Review Process: (CG,JT) Surveys are completed, need to be emailed out to grant recipients so we can collect their feedback.

Run for All Ages: (MJ/ VY) Mary and Violeta will attend first RFAA meeting this year on April 11th to plan for November’s race.

Somerville Road Runners: JE/MJ some questions about the changes on the SRR board and if this will impact WEF’s involvement in this race. Race is scheduled for July 25th but Janet has not had a consistent, reliable contact person so this is still being explored.

TriCity Race Series: (MJ) No updates at this time, Mary Jennings will follow up with Dave Polcari to discuss ways that WEF can assist with the May race.

JOY Yoga fundraiser proposal: (ER) JOY Yoga fundraiser was not successful due to snow days/cancellations. Joy has offered to try again... this may be changed to a one time event of Melrose Bootcamp rather than yoga studio visits. Possible date for Bootcamp fundraiser is May 30th.

Calendar: (JT) Student Art Show scheduled for April 14th. Request for volunteers to attend Art Show, a sign up sheet was circulated. Still working on calendar design. If 5 day schedule in elementary schools then this will impact calendar. Need a new chairperson for calendar project, please let Jen know if you are interested.

STARS: (BT) Next STARS will be during Teacher Appreciation Week May 4th-8th Names of STAR recipients to go on our website. Still thinking of other ways to highlight STAR recipients.

Chocolate Roses: (SW) Thank you to all the Chocolate Roses helpers! Top sellers in each school picture was taken and gift cards distributed to top sellers

Celebration of Learning: (SW) Confirmed 4/16/15 as date for COL, probably from 6:30-8:30 Working group has been having meetings. Request for volunteers on night of event, sign up sheet was circulated.

Other Business: (CG, JT) Positions for the Board. CG and JT will send each board member an email requesting feedback regarding their intent on remaining in their position or moving on, please let it be known if you are interested in another Board position.

Parent University scheduled for March 21st 8-12:00, WEF will have a table from 8-9 at the welcome/ registration

Attendance:

Elizabeth Russell
Sue Worden
Violeta Yu
Chris Boulter
Bernadette Thompson
Linda McManama
Gayle Wettach
Sandra Blois
Beth Hendriks
Mary Jennings
Ann Herzog
Amy Welch
Mary Letchford
Kim Margolis
Colleen Guida
Jen Theriault