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# WEF November 2018 Meeting Minutes Wednesday Nov. 14, 2018 7:00 pm

# **Galvin School Faculty Lounge**

### Officer Reports

Meeting Minutes (Oct. 2018) (VY) – accepted with addition of Cary Mazzone to attendee list (reminder to all - please remember to sign the attendance sheet at each meeting)

Treasurer Report (ML) – noted that we are in solid shape, we were able to support largest year for Grant Process

Run For All Ages (VY) – big thank you to all volunteers, roughly same number of participants as last year, more kids due to getting word out at highschool track events and the support of Galvin Track Team, many kids that entered however actually did not run, the weather was an issue; Stephen Viegas would like to stop by at an upcoming WEF meeting to personally deliver the check and for picture opportunity

Grant Process (CG, AB) – noted more innovative and creative requests this year including ones with a social & emotional development aspect, all schools were represented, most submissions got funding including partial WEF funding and ones taken on by the school district, can refer to WEF website for more details, by weekend letters of acceptance will go out

**STARS** (AM) – donations to WEF in recognition of educational and support staff who then receive a special STAR certificate, the on-line system to support this is now active, will gather volunteers to help with pick-up and delivery of certificates to schools (KH will set-up a sign up genius to facilitate), printed copy promoting STARS to go out to elementary schools, e-copy to Twitter/Facebook and email blast

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Calendars (CM, JT) – still collecting sales money, estimated that Hart's Hardware has sold ~100, it was suggested that left over calendars be given out at March Parent University event and Pre-K to K transition events along with letter of explanation inside regarding WEF

Chocolate Roses (CG, KH, SW) – for this annual fundraiser for every 1\$ rose we sell WEF gets 45cents in return, runs end of January to February 14, looking for a chairperson to continue with this initiative

**Publicity Update** (ER) Website Update (JM) – new shorter URL was discussed and all agreed WEF01880.org was a great suggestion

Facebook/Twitter Update (KH/CG) Spelling Bee- 3/1/19 (JT) – RFAA pictures (which was our latest event) were posted on Facebook and Twitter, STARS promotion and Spelling Bee will be next, currently we have 42 likes

Cummings Foundation site visit (ER) – \$100k grant awarded to WEF/Wakefield schools for health and wellness initiatives including the new adventure course installed at the Wakefield Memorial Highschool and accessible playground equipment at Dolbeare and Doyle schools, a site visit is being coordinated so Cummings can see the success/progress of the awarded grant (aiming for mid-December)

Other Business: (ER) - Spelling Bee is coming up (March 1st at The Elks) – this is a fun team based adult event and this will be the  $3^{rd}$  year

### Attendees:

- Violeta Yu
- Amy Welch
- Jennifer Moon
- Sue Worden
- Kim Hartman
- Gayle Wettach
- Linda McManama
- Linda Longo
- Amy Leeman

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- Sarah Buonopane
- Melissa Holmes
- Sonia Borda
- Cary Mazzone
- Marianne Cohen
- Mary Letchford
- Peggy Macaluso
- Elizabeth Russell