

EVVMS BOOSTER MINUTES 2-11-15

Attendees

Stephanie Millard, Linda Lembree, Holly Schilmoeller, Chad Soupir, Theresa Johnson, Christine Fiore, Jeni Hanselman, Becky Bazata, Brenda Kubasik and Crystal Jeffreys.

Items for Approval

- Theresa Johnson motioned to approve January's minutes. Stephanie Millard 2nd the motion. Approved by all in attendance.
- Current financials were reviewed and discussed. Theresa Johnson motioned to approve the financials. Crystal Jeffreys 2nd the motion. Approved by all in attendance.

Discussed Items Executive Board

1. STEM Night/Science Fair - Wednesday, February 11 from 6-7pm
 - All students in the science fair will receive a participation ribbon
 - Voting will be done by students attending the fair
 - Ribbons will be awarded for 6 categories to the student/team receiving most votes
2. Spirit Mondays during the month of April
 - Kids will receive an incentive during storm time each Monday in April to help motivate them during the long weeks of testing.
 - April 6th EVVMS spirit bracelets. Booster Club is providing.
 - April 13th "Stay Sharp" pencils. Booster Club is providing.
 - April 20th Smarties candy. Look for sign up genius for donations for this.
 - April 27 Dum Dums. Look for sign up genius for donations for this.
3. Honor Roll Bulletin Board in commons area is completed.
 - This will be updated every school quarter
 - Will need a new committee set up to run this next school year
4. School Closing Policy due to using 2 snow days.
 - The last day of school will now be May 22nd
 - If we require any additional snow days the last day of school will remain the same.
5. AdvancedED Report for EVVMS
 - Our school passed with flying colors. Results of this report can be found on-line at Elkhorn Public School's website.
6. Gym Wall Padding

- EVVMS gymnasium is within district code for wall padding
- No money allotted in district's budget or EVVMS budget to pay for additional padding.
- Issue tabled at this time. Will look at funds at the end of the school year.

Executive Board Action Items

- 7.** Bookplates have been ordered. To be inserted in books that will be donated to the library for various reasons.
- 8.** Certificates are being made and ribbons have been ordered for the upcoming Science Fair.
- 9.** Signage has been made for the Science Fair.
- 10.** A meal of pizza and bottled water is being provided to Jazz Band students performing during conferences Tuesday, February 10th.
- 11.** A sign-up genius is being put together to gather donations for Spirit Monday candy days.
- 12.** Pencils are being ordered for Spirit Monday on April 13th. They will say "Stay Sharp".

Principal's News

- 13.** Kids are excited for the Science Fair on Wed night. Around 107 have signed up.
- 14.** Mr. Soupier is currently interviewing for new staffing needs.
 - will be hiring a 1/2 time Assistant Principal for the 2015/2016 school year.
 - Mr. Ritzdorf will be retiring after this school year.
 - Ms. Kohl will be moving away
 - Looking for an additional PE instructor.
- 15.** Chaelie Rule, who was the winner of the EVVMS Spelling Bee, has also won the Elkhorn Public School's spelling bee and will be going on to regionals next.
- 16.** EVVMS Geography Bee winner Ted Gernhardt is moving on to the next level.
- 17.** 5 EVVMS students have qualified for the History Bee regionals coming up in Des Moines.

Committee Updates

- 18.** Conference Meals - Teachers are very appreciative of the meals and desserts.
- 19.** 8th Grade Celebration date has been changed to April 24th.
- 20.** Plant Sale ordering will begin on March 2nd and run through April 15th. The pick-up day for plants has been moved up to May 1st.
- 21.** Directory - Crystal Jeffreys has been able to make contact with a few people to secure advertisement information and donations. Will continue trying to reach the others on her list.
- 22.** New committees are currently being formed and will be needing chairpersons next school year. One example is:

- Kindness Committee will be in charge of recognizing EVVMS student's/families that have experienced the loss of an immediate family member. A letter is being developed for this purpose and a book with placard will be dedicated to the library in the family member's name.

23. New Student Welcome letter - Stephanie Millard showed the group a letter she is working on that will be sent to new student's families who move into the school sometime mid-school year. The letter will give information on the Booster Club's, it's website and information about the on-line directory.

Other Updates/Questions/Discussion

24. Theresa Johnson spoke about Womenade of Elkhorn. Explained group's goal is to help those in the Elkhorn community that are in need. They are always looking for more people to join the group.

25. Stephanie Millard is looking to have a "GOAL" meeting in near future. Hopes to reach more parents who may like to get involved with Booster club. She is looking for a creative form to get in front of parents.

26. Linda Lembree informed of a upcoming band fundraising event - "Southside Night with the Stars" Will be at ESHS on the evening of May 9th. Event will show case musicians from all Elkhorn middle schools. Free admittance with fundraising events going on inside the high school. If you know of anyone in middle school that plays a instrument of any kind please pass this information along.