



Home and School Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

March 15, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Elmwood Elementary School

ATTENDEES:

Officers: Molly Carroll, Kara Erchull, Ann Szefflinski and Rachel Schaar

Staff: Principal Royce Lindner, Associate Principal Jaime Veal, Colleen Korom, Katie Troyer and Kelly Christianson

Parents: Kim Jaquez, Alison Giese, Theresa Sebestyen, Tracy G., Christine Kennedy, Kathy Barnhart, Sara Johns, Pam Breitigam, Colleen Tadych, Cathy Boerner

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/ CONCLUSIONS
Call to order	Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
Review/Approve Minutes	Motion by Tracy G. to approve Jan. 19, 2016 Home and School Meeting Minutes; seconded by Alison Giese; minutes approved.
Notes from Co-Presidents	<p>A. Boosterthon Fundraiser Executive Committee members will meet with representatives from Boosterthon Fundraiser tomorrow about the possibility of hosting a fun run fundraiser (it occurs during the school day). During the week of the fundraiser, students participate in health and fitness exercises, as well as team building exercises. All students will be able to participate, whether or not they get pledges.</p> <p>B. Positions for next year Our May meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, 2016. It was moved from the usual third Tuesday of the month to the fourth Tuesday because of the Band and Orchestra concert). We will have voting for two open positions: Co-President and Secretary. Anyone interested in learning more about the positions or would like to run for a position, can talk to any board member.</p>
Notes from the Principal	<p>Royce Lindner said last night there was a special presentation about Elmwood to the School Board, where they talked about the inquiry time projects that fifth and sixth graders are working on, including having a student help present. Elmwood was well represented!</p> <p>Spring is a very busy time at Elmwood. Third/Fourth Grade Fine Arts Night is tomorrow and the Spring Musical is coming up on April 22.</p> <p>Jaime Veal mentioned that planning for Jump into Your Future Day is underway. She said they are still looking for parents for career presentations. They will also need volunteers to help serve lunch to volunteers, helping students getting to where they go. A sign-up genius volunteer link will be coming soon.</p> <p>Jaime said thank you for the funding so far for the Paw Prints celebrations. She said the pj/movie afternoon with hot cocoa and rice krispie treats was a big success! She said the money from Home and School has also been used to pay for the prizes. The next all-school event the students are working towards is a dessert day on April 8.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Ann Szefflinski shared notable treasurer updates since the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increases coming in from Matty's card sales, Target Red Card, Amazon Smile and Box Tops ○ Results for Quick Trip Car Wash fundraiser – we raised \$749 ○ Results for Teacher/Staff Raffle – we raised \$1391 ○ Money was spent from Extended Learning Opportunities for an author day workshop with sixth grade classes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spirit Wear Sales: \$128 • Budgeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In looking at next year's budget, please share any thoughts with the Board if you have ideas for new revenue streams, events, etc. The budget will then be approved at the May meeting. The Board will be working carefully in the next two months to prepare the budget for approval - looking at all events and fundraisers, including what events should continue and what events may end. ○ Royce said he got quotes for putting bleachers in the Elmwood gym. He said that the school is exploring the possibilities and will give updates as that comes available. • New Request for Payment and Deposit Forms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ann shared the two new forms and they are up on the Home and School website: elmwoodhns.weebly.com • Cash Controls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ann has implemented a process to have two people sign off on every expense for Home and School. She has also started asking program and event coordinators to make sure there are two signatures when they count cash after an event. Also if you have cash after an event, please contact Ann to get it picked up (don't leave in the locked box). She will ask a volunteer to audit the books this summer as well.
Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art teacher Kelly Christianson told about the Artome Art Show Elmwood will be hosting on May 10 at the New Berlin Public Library. Each student is working on a special piece of artwork in class, then Artome frames the artwork for the event. The framed artwork costs \$19, then Home and School sets the price to sell the framed artwork and proceeds go back to the school (the price will be around \$25). Kelly said we will be looking into taking payment by credit card. Molly Carroll said we could look into Home and School opening a square account; but we would pass on the fee to the buyer. Sara Johns will help Kelly coordinate volunteers and post a Sign-up Genius volunteer form in Paw Prints and on the website as the event gets closer. <p>Grade Reports collected by the Family Connection Building Leadership Team</p> <p>Kindergarten – Kindergartners are busy reading! In Readers Workshop, they celebrated being avid readers, sustaining reading for 15 minutes. They also have been working on how-to books and sharing those books with others. In social studies, they are learning about community, state, country and world.</p> <p>1st Grade – First graders completed their opinion writing unit by writing reviews of their favorite books to share with others. In reader's workshop, we have discovered the joy of following the characters in the books we read on their adventures and then determining the life lessons they and, we too, can learn along the way. In science, we are enjoying participating in a variety of investigations to learn about matter. Our social studies learning has revolved around families...it has been interesting to learn about how our families are alike, different, and most of all, very special to each of us!</p> <p>2nd Grade – Second graders have been especially busy this third quarter. Here are some highlights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Second graders have been using the iPad cart and exploring an app called "Explain Everything." This app has been especially beneficial in supporting our curriculum across subject areas. Students have compared geometric shapes by taking pictures of two objects and then comparing the similarities and differences with written words and their own voice recordings. They have done similar projects with characters from their fiction reader's workshop unit and nonfiction showing a page from a book and telling the big topic or idea with supporting details. 2. Second graders are getting ready for a field trip to see the play "Ella Enchanted" by having the First Stage workshops here at Elmwood before the big event. These

	<p>workshops have children use their imagination and help students to express themselves with movement.</p> <p>3. You may have heard of the book “Flat Stanley” about a little boy who gets flattened by a bulletin board and can be mailed in an envelope to faraway places? Students in second grade have made flattened versions of themselves and these flattened friends are sending letters and postcards from not only around the United States but from around the world! This has been a fun and exciting way to learn about geography and the world around us.</p> <p>4th Grade – Fourth grade has wrapped up our informational writing unit along with our reading history unit, where we focused on the American Revolution. We recently started our new reading unit on Historical Fiction book clubs and for writing, we are writing informational books about history and historical events. In math we are working with fractions. A few weeks ago, we had a visit from a dairy farmer from the Waukesha Farm Bureau. We are also very excited about our upcoming Fine Arts Night on March 16.</p> <p>5th Grade – Fifth grade teachers and a student presented at last night’s School Board meeting on the status of Elmwood. At the meeting we discussed the inquiry projects that we are doing with our students. Lauren Jentsch also talked about her tutoring program idea that she is working on during this time. If you would like more information, you can log onto our school district’s home page and open up the video of last night’s board meeting.</p> <p>6th Grade – Sixth graders have been part of historical book clubs during reader’s workshop this quarter! Each book club has been reading novels that take place in the same historical time period and then analyzing story elements, perspectives, how parts of the story connect to the whole and themes. In Writer’s Workshop, students published historical fiction narratives and created a multimedia presentation of their story using the Chromebook app “MoveNote.” Then they presented them to first and second graders last week!</p> <p>In science this quarter students explored our planetary system and made models to represent the motions of the earth, moon and sun! In social studies this quarter, students have delved into Ancient Greece, where we had many debates and created projects to show what they believe would have been the better city-state to live in – Sparta or Athens.</p> <p>In math this quarter, students have learned about integers, the coordinate plane, as well as how to write and solve equations! Sixth graders were introduced to negative numbers, which our Wisconsin kiddos were easily able to relate to! ☺ Students then expanded the coordinate plane to include quadrants two, three and four, to be able to graph positive and negative coordinate planes. Recently, students have been learning how to write and solve equations by using inverse operations to solve for the variable, while keeping both sides of the equation equal. Wow!</p> <p>Art – Students in art have been starting their pieces for the Artome 1st-6th grade art show in May. 3rd and 4th grades also worked hard to get their 2D and 3D pieces done for the Fine Arts Night this Wednesday.</p>
<p>Review of Past Events</p>	<p>A. Hot Chocolate Cart Colleen Tadych coordinated the hot chocolate cart for teachers and staff. They served “gourmet” hot cocoa on a Friday afternoon. She said they’ll add a hot tea option next year too!</p> <p>B. Teacher/Staff Raffle The raffle went well and raised \$1,391!</p> <p>C. Elmwood Chess Tournament Elmwood has been hosting the tournament for many years and it is the only chess tournament in the New Berlin School District! It is the largest chess tournament in the area and Elmwood hosted 150 students this year from more than 10 different schools.</p> <p>D. Skate Night 154 happy skaters enjoyed a fun evening and we made \$77!</p>

	<p>E. Quaker Steak & Lube Eat and Earn We earned \$196! Thank you to all families that came out and supported Home and School.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>A. Eat and Earn at Jason's Deli – Tuesday, March 22 from 5-8 p.m. When ordering, families need to mention they are there for the fundraiser and then need to put their receipt in the special box at the restaurant to be counted!</p> <p>B. Elmwood Staff Social Kathy Barnhart gave an update on the Staff Social, which will be held at Matty's. Invitations have gone out to all Elmwood staff and she is looking forward to a fun evening!</p> <p>C. Book Fair – April 22-29 Molly Carroll gave an update about the Book Fair with the theme of "Groovy Reading" this spring. They will set up on April 22 and will have a teacher preview that day after school. They also hope to be open before and after the musical on Friday night, as well as during the dance on Saturday night. There will be an All for Books coin challenge again this spring. For every dollar raised, Scholastic donates a book to children in need. The money raised stays in the school and goes to purchase books for Elmwood's library. The spring Book Fair will again offer a 20% off discount on all purchases.</p> <p>D. Spring Dance – Saturday, April 23, 6-8 p.m. Pam Breitigam gave up an update on the Spring Dance. This year's theme will be a Masquerade Ball. There will be a few changes from last year – refreshments will be in hall and there will be some more lighting in gym. There will be different options for photography – possibly a photo booth or other photography options.</p> <p>E. Staff Appreciation Week – May 2-6 Colleen Tadych said they are in the planning stages for the week. It will be a similar format to last year with possibly a Superhero Theme. Molly Carroll suggested having a sign at the Book Fair reminding parents about Staff Appreciation week and mentioning they could buy books for teachers.</p> <p>F. Artome Art Show at New Berlin Public Library – May 10 See notes above from Kelly Christianson's presentation. Colleen Tadych has feelers out to Great Wraps and Dickey's for an Eat and Earn evening to go along with the show.</p>
<p>Other Committee Reports</p>	<p>A. Cubs on the Prowl – Cancelled Cubs on the Prowl has been cancelled due to conflicting schedules.</p> <p>B. Movie Night Movie Night will be rescheduled – look for new date in an upcoming Paw Prints.</p> <p>C. Campbell Soup Labels This program will be ending at the end of the school year, but we can still collect labels until then. This is how we have funded all of our playground equipment, so we will have to look at other alternatives for next year.</p> <p>D. Box Tops There will be a new contest coming up this spring. Marie Collins is looking for someone to take over next year. Contact her if you are interested!</p>
<p>Open Floor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colleen Tadych mentioned that she is looking for someone to run the flower and/or cookie sale for the musical. She said she will have Katie Troyer email all the musical parents seeing if anyone would like to run that sale. • Theresa Sebestyen asked for feedback from parents who had filled out the online form for

	High Interest Day. Parents said it worked well and they liked the online sign-up!
Adjourn	Theresa Sebestyen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Colleen Korom seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.
Next Meeting	Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.