



Meeting Minutes

E.W. Stokes PTA

Date: October 2, 2019

Location: EWS Dining Room

Meeting Called To Order By: Talitha Lindo, President

Time: 6:20pm

Attendance: 18 people were in attendance (this included board members)



Introductions – for those whose first time it is

Reviewed Minutes with the group – Talitha

Officers' & Committee Reports

Secretary - Corrections to the September Minutes

Minutes approved and passed

Treasurer - report (in Wahi's absence)

Talitha went over this.

Talitha noted needing a simpler report



Wellness Committee

Caroline Hutton, chair of Wellness Committee, was unable to attend the meeting. She sent in this report:

The Wellness committee met on Monday, September 16. Topics discussed included: Healthy Schools Month (October), Taste of Stokes (October 26), the cafeteria waste initiative, the playground redevelopment project, health education curriculum, and the school menu. The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, October 21 at 9 am.



BIG THANKS to the all families who came to this month's garden work day! Together we cleared brush and logs near the pre-k playground and prepared garden beds for winter. We were excited to get to know several families who are new to the school this year, and we appreciate the contributions by all.

October is Healthy Schools Month! We kicked it off today by holding our semi-annual Walk and Roll to School day. We will have a number of visitors to different

classrooms as we celebrate a healthy lifestyle. Do you have something to contribute to Healthy Schools Month? We would love to hear from you! Please speak with Caroline Hutton.

Tea Thyme takes place in the garden every Wednesday from 3:30-5pm. This is a casual time for kids and their adults to visit the garden and see what's growing on.

Playground: Taylor Beis will soon be rekindling the fundraising efforts. Do you have experience in this regard, or are you looking for a flexible way to support the school? Please reach out to Taylor and be on the lookout for updates.

Playground Committee

Fundraising – there is a specific playground fundraising committee

The 5K Fun Run/Walk on December 7 was discussed. Erin Birgfeld spoke about this potential event.

December 7 is the that we got approved through Rock Creek Park

8:00 to 9:30 am – race time

back-up date: Sunday, Dec. 8

Two fees associated with this - \$120; Wahi approved this

Fee for police presence – ~\$300

-Concern about back-to-back events – Run/Walk – Jillian (co-events chair) brought this up.

-A parent/meeting participant brought up the concern about timing; the holiday season

-Erin addressed some of the concerns and the fact that this fundraising idea was talked about this past spring, and dates are unavailable from Memorial Day through the summer.

-This will be a learning experience.

-Possibly looking at late Feb/March for another date for the Fun Run/Walk

-Discussed the fact that funds are needed for playground is the near term

-A parent (Neela Kemp) mentioned that not everyone is interested in the same activities.

-However, it could be a strain on volunteers/resources for this.

-Leverage season of giving;

Two weekends in a row

Erin: permit still needs to be approved;

Neela K. – asked - is it a run and walk? (It is both.)

Bylaws

Still making changes – Brian

Examples of changes: PTSA to PTA; adding a grant research/writing chair; changing Board of Directors to Executive Board

An attendee asked about timeframe – a couple of weeks Brian said

Events Co-Chair

Soccer game/Asado this weekend

noted time and location has changed

Fun things planned: art w/ Skye; invited EE parents and children; Carole Sneed – capoira DC – live show; piñata; Latin percussion circle; different stations – flowers, food, mock rum punch

In need of: a speaker; Volunteers to do paper flowers; Kemba volunteered.

Donation from Muchos – see the name in Jillian's email

Need: portable grill; popcorn; ice/coolers

Mr. Jay – has portable grill; needs to be charcoal

Topics for Discussion/Action Items

- Yearbook – Neela – 2017-2018 was the first one; last year it was switched to the a new company, OneTouch
Issue is – are we going to have a yearbook? If we go with Shutterfly, then we probably cannot use the photos; need to ask to source the photos; are we going to get. Talitha made 2 points:
1) it will not be the PTA who produces this publication; it will be a committee.
2) we do not have a quorum; will use survey genius or something like this
- **Popcorn:** need volunteers!; Carole Sneed to signed up for October 18
Monica will provide training
- Committees – Talitha asked for folks to sign up for specific committees
Fundraising committee – will be heading Popcorn sales and all things having to do this.
Karen Beis to email Zina with Scholastic committee members

New Business

None

Announcements & Closing Remarks



	<p>None</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned At: 7:12 PM Minutes Compiled By: Karen Beis, Communications Chair (Monica Bailey Delissaint was unable to attend the meeting.)</p>

