**Essex Fells PTA**

**General Membership Meeting**

**Essex Fells School, Media Center**

**March 4, 2020**

**President Julie Piccoli called the meeting to order at 8: 52 a.m.**

**In Attendance: Farrah Carnahan, Angela Vega, Gabrielle Steiner, Kate Stefanczyk, Amanda Cesar, Lisa Massaroni, Melissa Chnapko, Christine DiGiovanni**

**February meeting minutes approved by Angela Vega seconded by Farrah Carnahan**

* Thank you to the following groups:
* Mobile Arq: Ashley Moran and Ed Lavezzo for their help with Chicken Tender, Pizza and Fundraiser Ordering
* Spring Fundraiser Committee
* School Supplies: Lauri Wactlar for working with teachers
* Committee Updates:
  + Spiritwear: Samples are in office. Sale ends Friday. Sale is going well. Delivery will be in 3 weeks.
  + 6th Grade Class: 6th grade is prepare a concession stand for the school musical. Will be selling pre made bags during intermission.
  + Special Projects/Brick Sale: Angela Order Form is in the WAAG. Bricks will be put in over the summer.
  + Yearbook: Please upload pictures. Will begin selling after fundraiser.
  + Rolling Pick Up: Pouring sidewalk along grass on Essex during Spring Break. Working with Police officers on a daily basis. Each officer seems to have a different procedure and we are trying to find a common procedure amongst all of them.
* New Business
  + Spring Fundraiser – Tickets on Sale for $135 until 3/23, $175 at the door: Theme is Havana Nights. There will be prizes, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Dinner, Bar, Art Projects. One exciting auction item is a permanent parking spot. Smart Denim Welcome. We are accepting donations still.
  + Easter Egg Hunt: Annemarie Hochkeppel
  + Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 5/8: Seeking Volunteers for Home
  + Open Positions: The PTA is looking for a Secretary and a VP for 2020-21. The secretary will have the flexibility of not moving into the VP role if they choose.
  + Nominating Committee: We will need volunteers for a nominating committee for the Open Board Positions. Angela, Christine, Melissa nominated and 14 voted unanimous.
* Mrs. Gadaleta’s Report:
  + Read Across America: The author scheduled to come cancelled due to illness. Will reschedule. We have been having other great activities during the month such as the Mayor reading to children and children receiving their reading bears.
  + Mrs. Gadaleta spoke with the governor about the coronavirus. She was on a conference call with many different people in the county health office. Going forward they will be utilizing the right solutions to clean the school. It is important to keep healthy and stay home if you are not feeling well. We will be practicing good hand washing habits. Currently there are 0 cases in New Jersey. 100 case in the county. More testing sites and more tests being able to run quicker. Essex county has a dense population and they are watching closely.
    - Traveling: Newark is a funneling airport for international returns. Risk is low.
    - If there is a case first option will be home instructions. Currently, the State of New Jersey will not could electronic learning days towards the total number of school days. Second option would be a skype type of learning.

**Meeting adjourned 9:39am**

**Upcoming Dates:**

School Musical: 3/13

Spring Fundraiser: 3/27

Easter Egg Hunt: 4/8

Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date: 4/9