

Emerson Williams PTO Meeting Minutes  
**Monday April 17, 2023**

Attendees:

Amy Gallagher-Cuadras	Andrea Hernandez	Brandy Kerns	Ann-Marie Moore
Kate Nadeau	Jessica Peltier	Lauren Rhines	Elisa Root
Shana Smith	Anna Szczepanski	Neela Thakur	Anthony Uccello

Welcome: Lauren

- Call to order 6:35pm

Secretary Report: Jessica Peltier

- Sign in passed around
- Briefly discussed how everyone should look through minutes from the February meeting, as they will be approved at the end of the meeting.
- Adjustments need to be made to minutes from March

Treasurer Report: Anthony Uccello

- Current balance=\$21,950
- Cashbox request for Someone Special Dance
- Creative Arts: Hip Hop payment of \$1,740
- 6th Grad Committee will need money for Pine Acres that is due on either 6/2 or 6/6
- No figures yet from the Luna Pizza fundraiser

Principal Report: Neela Thakur

- Two months left of school
- Thank you to Elisa for coordinating the staff for the "Volunteer Week" goodies at our meeting
- Accountability Results for 2021-2022 are in. Every public school in the state gets a ranking 1-5. 1 being the best. EW scored a 2.
- Strategic Plan Ideas for W.P.S. wants parent input. We discussed a few ideas as a group

Teacher Report: Ms. Root & Mrs. Moore

- Make Your Own Trail Mix was a huge success, thank you from the staff.
- Last Circle of Friends Club will meet May 25th
- The Student Council is collecting gently used books to ensure all students have a book at home. Donations need to be brought in by Friday.
- SBAC for grades 3-6 are on May 1,2,8,9,10,11

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Budget:** Anthony

- Meeting April 27th at 6pm in the WPL.
- May PTO we will present the proposed budget for next year and vote on budget in June

**6th Grade:** Amy G-C

- Selling snacks at the dance: cash only
- Lots of end of year activities coming up: Pine Acres, Step Up Ceremony, Ropes Course
- Will have another concession table for the Someone Special Dance

**Someone Special Dance:** Kate

- Fliers went out, everyone must come with an adult
- Friday April 28th 5:30-7pm

**WSPC:** Anthony

- Town Budget Meeting brought up fact that musical instruments are out of date, replacement of desktop computers are needed, the K-6 math curriculum needs to be purchased, and need for more support staff as caseloads are high for Special Education Teachers
- Giving out \$10 gift cards to all crossing guards

**NEW ITEMS:**

**Bikes on Main:**

- Anna is asking for an old fishing pole if anyone has one!

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 1st-5th

**Items to vote on:**

1. March PTO minutes: With amendments made, Shana made a motion to approve the minutes, Brandy seconded the motion, all were in favor. Minutes approved.
2. WSPC Volunteer of the Year: Karla Pelarinos was voted as the EW representative
3. Wishlist: Ms. Caravella asked for washable mouthpieces to allow 3rd graders to try out and test the instruments. \$19/mouthpiece. Shana made a motion to approve the purchasing of 20 mouthpieces, Amy seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm**