

Emerson Williams PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday May 22, 2023

Attendees:

Amy Gallagher-Cuadras	Andrea Hernandez	Colleen Mattatall	Kate Nadeau
Laura Neville	Karla Pelarinos	Jessica Peltier	Lauren Rhines
Elisa Root	Alyssa Sanzaro	Shana Smith	Anthony Uccello
Leslie Williams			

Welcome: Colleen

- Call to order 6:31pm

Secretary Report: Jessica Peltier

- Sign in passed around
- Briefly discussed how everyone should look through the minutes from the May meeting, as they will be approved at the end of the meeting.
- Thank you notes passed around

Treasurer Report: Anthony Uccello

- Current balance=\$19,959
- Luna Pizza fundraiser=\$300
- Someone Special Dance=\$506

Principal Report: None

Teacher Report: Ms. Root

- Thank you to PTO for everything on Teacher Appreciation Week
- School raised \$959 for the Heart Association
- Last Circle of Friends Club will meet May 25th
- 2 retirements: Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Byrne
- 2 pregnancies: Mrs. Clermont and Mrs McKinnon
- New 1-1 nurse was welcomed: Ms. Sasha Walencewicz
- Abby Sisson is leaving

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Budget: Anthony

- Looking at a balanced budget for next year
- Big items that we have increased the amount we are planning on giving to 6th grade committee, Beautification and Handprints, also an increase for Quickbook price.
- Wishlist budget was decreased.
- May PTO we will present the proposed budget for next year and vote on budget in June

Committee Sign Ups: Leslie Williams

- Passed around sheets for committee signups for next year can also find online.
- Website, all names have been deleted for next year

6th Grade: Amy G-C

- Made \$256 at the dance
- Looking forward to the activities for the end of the year: Pine Acres, Step Up Ceremony, Ropes Course

Someone Special Dance: Kate

- Dance was a success!
- Already thinking about themes for next year and month to have it in. April we agreed was good timing.

Strawberry Fest: Colleen & Lauren

- 2 savory meal trucks and 1 Blue Chip creamery truck
- Dunk tank will be set up
- Raffle table will be there again, K-5 every class will have a "basket" and items need to be sent to Lauren by Friday. There will be about 20 items up for raffle

Volunteer of the Year for Emerson Williams:

- Karla single handedly ran cheer committee, created the Zen Den, hosted the Thank you Thursdays, planned Teacher Appreciation week activities, cohosted the Color Run, when the school was lacking subs, Karla helped look for people to come in and sub, and emailed the mayor about the safety of the playground!

NEW ITEMS:**Raise Craze: Amy**

- Fundraiser idea for next year in October.
- Hosts online platform/portal: Encourages students to do acts of kindness and they collect donations along the way. There is no selling. Students will put it out there what they want to do and family and friends can choose to donate.
- The company only takes up to 10% of the profit

PTO App: Amy

- Konstella is a PTO app that can streamline communications to parents from school and PTO. Virtual payments can be made through the app, fliers can be sent through app
- Cost is \$699/year
- Amy will talk to Neela about this because emails of all parents would need to be put on there
- If no, we can look into some other possible uses of ParentSquare to help the PTO out too

Items to vote on:

1. April PTO minutes: Ms. Root made a motion to approve, Andrea seconded the motion, all were in favor. Minutes approved.
2. Beautification: asking for \$800 for paints to add to kindergarten area and back blacktop. Shana made motion to pass, Alyssa Seconded, all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm