

Emerson Williams PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday November 13, 2023

Attendees:

Liz Anderson	Amy Burlingame	Amy Gallagher-Cuadras	Andrea Hernandez
Keri Lloyd	Brenda McLaughlin	Kate Nadeau	Laura Neville
Jessica Peltier	Elisa root	Anthony Uccello	Leslie Williams

Welcome: Andrea & Laura

- Call to order 6:35pm
- Welcome to everyone and introduction of board members
- Introduction of those in attendance

Secretary Report: Jessica Peltier

- Sign in passed around
- Sent around many thank you notes from the teachers for all the things that the PTO has done
- Briefly discussed how everyone should look through minutes from the October meeting, as they will be approved at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer Report:

- Current balance \$22,188

Teacher Report: Elisa Root

- Welcome to the new staff in the building!
- Thank you for the Sweet & Salty Thankful Thursday, last week!
- 11/29 Trimester 1 ends
- 12/13 Report cards will be sent home electronically

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Board of Education/SEPTO/WSPC: Amy B. & Laura
 - John Kazar spoke at last SEPTO meeting about CT SEDS
 - 19 people were invited to be part of the Elementary Building Committee (3 from EW)
- Community Outreach: Leslie
 - Girl Scout Troops at all schools are collecting toys for the Wethersfield Youth and Social Services toy drive
 - Toys need to be brought in by Friday 11/17
- Family Fun Night: Amy G-C
 - Friday 11/17 first FREE Family Fun event: Bingo. 6:30-8pm
 - Must register to make sure there will be enough snacks for kids
 - Friday 12/8: Family Movie Night in gym with sleeping bags 6:30-8pm
 - Watching Smallfoot

- Holiday Store: Laura
 - TBD: no real update yet
 - Feeling is that it is quite late in the year to get it up and running in time.

- Kindness Fundraiser: Amy
 - Take “home” total fundraised was \$4,725.63
 - 2,299 Acts of Kindness confirmed, more done without acknowledgement

- Parents Night Out: Laura
 - Trivia night: Friday March 8 at the Wethersfield Fire Dept on Ridge Rd
 - Need help to plan, set up, and a theme

- Sixth Grade Committee: Jess & Amy G-C
 - Pie Sale made \$2,900
 - Pumpkin Social was a success on a perfect fall day

- Spirit Wear: Andrea
 - Waiting for final sales totals
 - Delivery could be as early as 11/17
 - 70 orders were placed!

NEW BUSINESS

- Brenda came and spoke about The One and Only Ivan book everyone is reading. Students are putting their trivia tickets into a big box for the raffle next week.
 - Brenda asked if we would be willing to buy a “clean” Ivan stuffy for one of the drawings. Instead we voted and bought 6 so that all the winners will receive a book and an Ivan stuffy to read with.
- PTO closet is clean and we need to be careful what we place around the electrical panel
- Discussed how to eliminate the need for paper: Konstella app was discussed as well as possibly adding a link to Neela’s weekly ParentSquare that would bring families to the PTO website, where there would be a “Weekly Update” from the different committees and for events.

VOTES

1. Ms. Root made the motion to spend \$150 to buy the 6 raffle Ivan prizes, seconded by Leslie. All were in favor!
2. Leslie made the motion to add a total of \$2,225 to the Family Fun line item, seconded by Amy. All were in favor!
3. Jessica made the motion to pass the October PTO minutes with amendments, Keri seconded. All were in favor!

Meeting Adjourned