

Emerson Williams PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday January 22, 2024

Attendees:

Kim Bobin	Amy Burlingame	Jessica Celho	Doris Duggins
Amy Gallagher-Cuadras	Andrea Hernandez	Sally Keating	Liz Keyes
Brenda McLaughlin	Kate Nadeau	Katherine Panaude	Jessica Peltier
Lauren Rhines	Elisa Root	Shana Smith	Anna Szczepanski
Neela Thakur	Anthony Uccello	Leslie Williams	

Welcome: Lauren

- Call to order 6:35pm
- Welcome to everyone and introduction of board members
- Introduction of those in attendance
- Thank you shout-outs to all those who have been helping make this year a great year for the PTO

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 November meeting, as they will be approved at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer Report: Anthony

- Current balance \$25,000
- Committees Earned
 - o Spirit wear: \$480
 - o Class Pictures: \$1,288
 - o Holiday Store: \$935

Deposit for Safe Grad: \$75

Deposit for dance: \$200

Principal Report: Neela Thakur

- K-3 Winter Concert was great
- 4-6 Concert on 1/26
- New Librarian: Mr. Lopez
- Lock down drill Monday 1/29

Teacher Report: Elisa Root

- Welcome to the new staff in the building!
- Thank you for the all the fun little treats from the PTO
- Circle of Friends Thursday
- CCMC PJ day raised \$1,078.10

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- WECC: The mission of the Wethersfield Early Childhood Collaborative (WECC) is to ensure that all Wethersfield children, birth to eight, are healthy ready for school, and connected to the community. Find out more at: <https://wecc.wethersfield.me/>.

Sign up for **WECC's newsletter** here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/OHlbDwn>

One of WECC's initiatives is to connect families to a free app called **Sparkler**. For more information check out <https://playsparkler.org/ct/>

For any questions or concerns about children **birth to five**, contact:

Jessica Coelho
WECC Program Coordinator
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Kim is a "Community Connector". Any questions you have about the community, you can ask Kim. If she doesn't know the answer, she will find you the person who does. Kim works with families K-12, community partners, the Social Justice Coalition and more.

Kimberly Bobin
Family & Early Childhood Coordinator
Wethersfield School Family Community Partnerships
Work cell: 860-929-1316

Kim and Jessica will be partnering with schools on the **Summer Successful Transition to Kindergarten Program**. Last year the program served 80 children and over 94 parents and caregivers.

WECC and School Family Community Partnerships (SFCP) also run UCONN PEP Parent Leadership Training <https://pep.extension.uconn.edu/>

Lauren asked, how can PTO's help? Kim said it would be great to have someone to take on **Kindergarten Playdates**.

Friday, July 27, 2024 5:30 PM
Saturday, August 18, 2024 9 AM
Saturday, September 1, 2024 9 AM

- BIPOC: Doris Duggins
 - Year 3 for affinity group
 - Next BIPOC Fair March 14: Thursday 5-7:30pm
 - Parents group a place to discuss topics, social justice, and courageous conversations.

- Athletics: Anthony
 - Sunday UCONN Game 25 tickets sold
 - Wolfpack 2/10
 - Soccer Athletics game 5/11
 - Karate fundraiser: Theme is Self Confidence
 - \$45/child for 8 classes right after school
 - All grades

- SEPTO: Amy B. & Sally K.
 - Family resources on a social skills class 14-18 year olds only right now

- February 7, next meeting

- BoE & WSPC: Sally
 - Building Committee: consists of 7 people who have construction experience and they are going to look at Pleasant Valley School in South Windsor
 - Pictures are up on website
 - Physical Services does not have the money or staff to maintain schools
 - Check ParentSquare App for events

- Book fair: Amy B
 - March 18-22 during conference week
 - After school hours: Tuesday 1-7, Wed & Thurs 1-5

- Butterbraids: Leslie
 - Fundraiser 2/12-2/26
 - Pick up at Leslie's house on 3/11
 - \$16/ butterbraid \$20/cookie dough
 - Can make a donation online do not have to buy anything

- Community Bag: Jess
 - Earned \$69 in the month of December

- Family Fun Night: Amy G-C
 - Spent \$728.92
 - Movie night was in December
 - Bingo night in January
 - March Family trivia
 - May paint night

- Holiday Store: Lauren
 - Needed a lot more inventory for this year
 - Raised a little over \$900
 - Great night was had by all.

- Parents Night Out: Lauren
 - Trivia night: Friday March 8 at the Wethersfield Fire Dept. on Ridge Rd
 - Pop Culture
 - Need to preregister
 - Center piece contest

- School Dance: Kate N
 - Dance is on 4/26 from 5:30-7
 - Theme: Groovy Peace Love
 - Pop Up Decor balloons
 - Decided no photo booth

- School Pictures: Shana & Lauren
 - Have fall dates 2024
 - No spring dates yet

- Spirit Wear: Andrea
 - \$480 made
 - Possibly doing another run this spring?

- Talent Show: Lauren
 - At Webb on 4/5 Friday night at 6:30
 - Also with art show
 - Rehearsal 5pm Thursday 4/4

NEW BUSINESS

- Brenda came and requested more decodable books for 1st grade classrooms
 - Totals were between \$5,900-\$11,800

VOTES

1. Andrea made the motion to spend \$75 for gift for Mrs. George's retirement. Seconded by Shana. All were in favor!
2. Amy made the motion to pass the November PTO minutes, Leslie seconded. Lauren abstained rest were all were in favor!

Meeting Adjourned