

**Emerson Williams PTO Meeting Minutes  
Monday February 10, 2025**

Attendees:

Laura Neville	Katherine Patnaude	Sarrah Hughes
Elisa Root	Neela Thakur	Leslie Williams
Kim Bobbin	Christen Sousa	Sally Keating
Shana Smith	Lauren Rhines	

Welcome: Laura Neville

- Call to order 6:01 pm
- Welcome to everyone and introduction of board members
- Introduction of those in attendance

Treasurer Report: Katherine Patnaude

- Current balance reviewed.

Principal Report: Neela Thakur

- School celebrated School Play Day combined with screen free day
- Now is the time to communicate with the B.O.E and Town Council regarding this year's budget. As stands they are looking to include a security officer in each of the elementary schools.

Teacher Report: Elisa Root

- Field Day is set for May 22 12:30 to 2:30 with rain date set for May 27<sup>th</sup>
- March conferences are forthcoming

WECC: Kimberly Bobbin

- WECC is a one stop shop for all information related to Wethersfield schools.
- Kim works on community wide initiatives.
- Website is WECC.wethersfield.me
- Can help WECC by advertising that it is time to register for Kindergarten. Of note, the Kindergarten budget is based on the amount of children fully enrolled.
- Human Library is at Emerson Williams on March 29<sup>th</sup>

Building Committee: Sally Keating

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> slides are on the website
- Need letters to the editor about hopes for future, safety and security
- Need for BOE and Town Council to be better attended
- PAC has private and public pages on Facebook. Please share any relevant pictures.
- Hanmer will be a swing school (2 stories on Stillman property). 1<sup>st</sup> referendum (hopefully in June, if not then September) will include verbiage related to money allocated to Hanmer as a swing school, Webb as a 5-6 grade academy, and potentially Emerson Williams
- 2<sup>nd</sup> referendum will hopefully be in June of 2026 and include language related to allocating money related to Charles Wright and Highcrest (also Emerson if not included in initial referendum)

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee: Lauren Rhines

- Currently 1/3 of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class has not/cannot pay dues so looking to and in the midst of

additional fundraisers.

- Braids and Blowouts- as of the first date had raised about \$250
- Puerto Vallera: confusion on their end but date, hopefully, forthcoming
- Parents Night Out: Trivia on April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Cultural Night: Date forthcoming as considering merging with Cultural Dance
- Strawberry Fest: May 16<sup>th</sup>. Looking for a volunteer to do a craft booth

Someone Special Dance: Katherine Patnaude

- Lets Go Crazy! 6pm to 7:30pm April 25th

Meeting called to close at 7:47pm