



Emerson Williams PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10th, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Sarrah Hughes	Katherine Patnaude	Andrea Hernandez
Elisa Root	Neela Thakur	Katrina Ross
Shana Smith	Nicole Wante	Anthony Uccello
Lauren Rhines	YMCA staff	

Welcome: Sarrah Hughes

- Call to order at 6:28pm
- Welcome to everyone and introductions of those in attendance

Treasurer Report: Katrina Ross

- Current balance reviewed up to today
- Wish List – waiting on one possible last request
- Total will be a little over \$2,000
- Purse BINGO has already brought in over \$700+ dollars before expenses
- Moving 6th grade T-shirts down to donation line
- Pie and Karate funds were given for deposit

Principal Report: Neela Thakur

- There is school tomorrow – Veteran’s Day
- 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Wood is organizing two Veteran’s Day assemblies 8:45am and 12:30pm tomorrow
- Creative Arts Council Assembly – next Thursday November 20th – Speed painter assembly
- Coming up on end of trimester 1, which ends on Monday November 24th
 - You can expect to receive progress reports by email on December 10th
- Mrs. Woods and Neela are a doing presentation/conversation on Dec 1st 6:30-7:30pm and Dec 2nd 9-10am around the themes from Anxious Generation. You can sign up to attend.

Teacher Report: Ms. Root

- Music sub is now going to be staying until January 5th
- Mrs. Reynolds is a new teacher who is going to be starting in 4th grade
- Two new building subs – Ms. Nagpal and Ms. Boddu
- Spirit day is scheduled for Thursday November 20th – PJ or slipper day

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Cheer Committee – Thankful Thursday - Thursday November 20th before Thanksgiving will be putting out spread to teachers and staff.
- Sarrah talked with social worker to identify families in need with food insecurities. We are working to do something that is separate from the food drive. Possibly having people sign up to sponsor a family. Many have already volunteered to do this.
 - The Charles puts together a dinner and two sides package – roughly \$150 -you

can order it online and then mark it for an Emerson family. You get anonymously matched with a family and then the family can go to The Charles and pick it up. Also open to other options.

- Purse BINGO
 - Friday, November 14th 7-9pm in the EW café
 - This has brought in \$700+ so far but does not take into account raffle tickets bought the day of or a few expenses
- Holiday Store – Candace
 - Lauren will work on a flyer
 - There are things in the basement leftover from last year
- Anthony Uccello Update from October WSPC meeting
 - Karate starts tomorrow – 26 kids on the roster, which is the most we've had. This is in its 3rd year.
 - At the end there is a graduation at the Karate studio
 - All proceeds go to the PTO
 - Walk/Bike Wethersfield is doing classes with 4th graders in P.E. class
 - Primary project – donation toward a scholarship in Hartford – inactive for the last few years because they needed a rep to keep it going at the High School. Students started the project for Hartford residents.
 - Wondering if the PTO was interested in donating
 - They will provide QR codes soon
 - Superintendent presented
 - Wethersfield ranked 62nd out of 200 schools in CT
 - There is an improvement plan that includes monthly data team reviews to stay on track
- 6th Grade Committee
 - Giving gift to the school next week – purchased a painting
 - Pies Fundraiser is complete and should have been picked up
 - 6th graders got their shirts

NEW BUSINESS

- Sarrah's dad raised \$500 to go toward unpaid student school lunch bills
- The Balance Project
 - The Balance Project is a group of like-minded Wethersfield community members who think it's important that we bring back childhood with more free play & independence and less screen-time, smartphones and social media (at least until they are older!). Looking to post a flyer on PTO social media to gain members and interest.
- Gardener program through Keane
 - Asking PTO if would be willing to pay for the cost of the planter beds, that they would build. Price will be about \$500. It has been done at other schools.
 - Questions around how will it be maintained.
- In the past PTO gave donation to senior graduate scholarship, but it hasn't been done in recent year. Discussion about possibly reinstating this.
- Picture retake day is Friday
- Spirit wear store is closed and orders are being processed.

ITEMS TO VOTE ON

1. November Meeting minutes
 - a. Motioned to approve by Sarrah

b. Seconded by Elisa Root

c. All in favor, minutes approved

Meeting called to close at 7:12pm