



Emerson Williams PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 12th, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Katherine Patnaude	Nicole Wante	Andrea Hernandez
Emily Lata	Amie Lugo	Katrina Ross
Shana Smith	Keri Lloyd	Anthony Uccello
Lauren Rhines	Connor Collette	Tabitha Zimmerman
Matt Laccavole	Peggy Collette	

Welcome: Katherine Patnaude

- Call to order at 6:33pm
- Welcome to everyone and introductions of those in attendance

Treasurer Report: Katrina Ross

- Current balance reviewed up to today
- Holiday Store – netted a negative number this year because we had to buy many things. Last year they ran out of a lot of items, however, there are many items leftover for next year.
- Big fundraiser – Purse BINGO - \$985 -> planning on doing this again in the spring

Principal Report: Absent

Teacher Report: Absent

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Garden Boxes Project: Connor Collette
 - 10th grade student (previously from EW and wants to give back) – doing Eagle Scout Project
 - Estimated cost - \$500
 - Looking at the front of the school or by the Kindergarten classrooms
 - Boxes are not permanent so they can be preserved during any future renovation
 - Will be maintained by the Garden Club at Keane Foundation which starts May
 - Will use money from the Beautification Budget
- Board of Ed – Matt Laccavole
 - 5th year on BOE this year
 - Gave overview of the BOE and new admin that started this year
 - Will start working on the budget soon
- Holiday Store – Bought more this year and will have to buy less next year
- Purse BINGO – will be choosing a date to do again this spring
- Dance – DJ booked – April 24th 6-7:30pm
 - 6th grade will do concessions for that
 - VIP/Hollywood theme
- Anthony Uccello Update from WSPC meeting
 - Karate afterschool program – 27 students overall - \$810

- Possibly do another in the spring – Anthony will work with the Dojo again
- Request for a Yard Goats outing – 25% deposit is necessary beforehand
- Looking into a district technology committee
- Feb 4th – CT winter walk to school day – each school PTO can decide for their building if EW wants to participate
 - Will ask other elementary school PTO's about their participation
- May bike to school day – considered also doing a consistent Wednesday's in May walk to school day
- Parents Night Out – April 10th – Pitkin Community Center
- Snowmen on Main – one for each elementary school to do – due date possibly 1/26
 - A snowman needs to be designed and decorated
 - Katherine will follow up with Neela about having students working on it during the day possibly during art class
- 6th Grade Committee
 - Need more volunteers to help out
 - Dues will be \$100 in February
 - At the dance, talent show, etc. they will do concessions

NEW BUSINESS

- Scott Driscoll presentation for parents 2/2 at the Pitkin Community Center – 7-8:30pm
- Talent Show – Looking into whether we are doing it this year
- Scholarships – This was something we have done in the past but are not currently doing – do we want to do this again?
 - Primary Project and Dollars for Scholars– deadline to donate is 4/30
 - Will reach out to Neela to confirm that we can give to both scholarships so it's equitable
- Wait until 8th Pledge – looking to get EW involved in this. When parents sign up/pledge they will get an email to see others in the school who are also trying to wait until 8th to build your community especially when kids say “they are the only ones.”

ITEMS TO VOTE ON

1. December Meeting minutes
 - a. Motioned to approve by Shana
 - b. Seconded by Andrea
 - c. All in favor, minutes approved

Meeting called to close at 7:43pm