



Emerson Williams PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 11th 2026
6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Sarrah Hughes	Nicole Wante	Lauren Rhines
Neela Thakur	Tabitha Zimmerman	Katrina Ross
Elizabeth Netz	Katherine Patnaude	Anthony Ucello
Lauren Damm	Shana Smith	
Virtual link available		

Welcome: Sarrah Hughes

- 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
- Budget vs. Actual spreadsheet was reviewed

Principal Report: Neela Thakur

- Book fair is coming up – Tues, Wed, Thurs
 - Student shopping day Tues, May 19th
 - Evening shopping Wednesday and Thursday – 3:30-7pm in Upper Media Center
- Seussical the Musical was last week
- Talent Show is coming up on Thurs, May 28th at Webb Elementary School
 - Will send out an email to those who have signed up
- Scott Driscoll Internet Safety presentation is happening May 21st – Grade 4, 5, 6 – Funded by the PTO
- Field Day is coming up May 29th 12:30-2:30 – All families are invited to attend
 - Rain date June 5th
- Last day of school is June 22nd which is a half day

Teacher Report: Absent

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Committee Sign-up Sheet for next year is available on the website
- Book Fair – being run by Joella Thombs and has a second volunteer to help with each of the days
 - Wish List Day will take place on Monday
- Talent Show – May 27th rehearsal at 6pm, May 28th show 6pm – An update flyer will go home
- Yoga Class
 - A community member wanted to bring yoga into the school to support mental health awareness month. This can be as an assembly or with smaller groups.
 - Katherine will follow up and get more information about this
- Retirement Gifts
 - Shoemaker and one lunch aide retiring this year – The PTO will contribute to a gift
- Parent Night Out –Friday June 5th

- Pitkin Community Center
- BYOB, trivia, DJ, raffle
- \$12 entrance
- Strawberry Festival – May 15th
 - Need more volunteers
 - The nature center is coming with animals, live band (1st grade parent), dunk tank, raffle, craft table, free book table, 3 food truck (coffee, dinner, ice cream)
 - 3 people signed up to be in the dunk tank
 - 6th grade will sell blankets
 - There is no rain date
 - Porta Potty will be at event
- Restaurant Nights – Doro Group
 - No Mames date snowed and was supposed to be rescheduled. Doro group said no longer does fundraisers but said they will donate a gift card for our raffle.
 - Other possibilities: Chik-fil-a, Red Robin
- Anthony Ucello – WSPC
 - Providing popsicles to all schools for Field Day
 - Board of Ed is collecting pictures from each school from Teacher Appreciation week to put in their spotlight
 - Sarrah will send
 - WSPC Volunteer of the Year award presented to Sarrah
 - Sold out Yard Goats tickets – Saturday May 16th
 - After School Karate starts tomorrow – 13 sign-ups
 - Will need someone to take charge of this next year

NEW BUSINESS

- Creative Arts Council
 - Some possibilities include: CT science center, Science STEM, BMX show (Webb did this one), Mobile Ed Sky Dome, Bubble Mania, West Hartford Children's Museum
 - Katherine will follow up with Amie Lugo about when and cost
 - Look into Sky Dome, BMX show, CT science center
- Need more members for the PTO for next year
 - We will brainstorm ideas for gaining new members at June meeting

ITEMS TO VOTE ON

1. April Meeting minutes
 - a. Motioned to approve by Sarrah
 - b. Seconded by Katherine
 - c. All in favor, minutes approved
2. Board for 2026-2027 school year
 - Lauren Damm (1st year president), Katherine Patnaude (2nd year president), Katrina Ross (Treasurer), Nicole Wante (secretary)
 - a. Motioned to approve by Sarrah
 - b. Seconded by Shana
 - c. All in favor, board approved
3. 2026-2027 school year budget changes reviewed
 - a. Motioned to approve Shana
 - b. Seconded by Sarrah
 - c. All in favor, budget approved

Meeting called to close at 7:42pm