



Emerson Junior High School PTA
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Emerson PTA Meeting: Monday, January 27, 2025

Start time: 6:01pm

I. In attendance:

Rich Hedman, Kalin Watkins, Sara Niyati-Haddadan, Kaci Walsh, Mike Dufresne, Pam Porter, Stephanie Miller, Brianne Leymaster, Kristine Cohen, Macara Nicoll, Dora Hayes, Kate Sedillo, Rosa Mendez

II. Approval of minutes from Oct. 2024 meeting: Motion to approve minutes made by Kristine Cohen. Motion second by Brianne Leymaster. Motion carries- minutes approved.

III. Principal's Report – Mr. Dufresne

- New semester started today. Most students keep the same classes, but some do have new classes. Grades will be sent home soon.
- Fresh start for all students, learn from the lessons of the first semester and reach out for help when needed.
- Office personnel changes Cecilia Torres is our Site Secretary and handles Site Budgeting, assists the principal with tasks and initiatives and supports staff requests. Our Attendance Secretary position has been advertised in the district and will move to outside of the district applicants soon.
- Staff supports the PTA efforts involving the Open House/Fundraiser on April 22nd. Some have questions about the process.
- Administration will visit classes in the coming weeks to remind students about behavioral expectations.
- Dance tickets are on sale at lunch all this week and also available on the Emerson website/webstore.
- Spring sport sign-ups are happening and if students want to participate see Mr. Stopkotte or Ms. Golightly for help.

IV. Teachers report

- **Mr. Timothy (PE)**
The PE department is finishing up their 4-week dance unit. It will culminate soon with 7th graders learning to square dance, and 8th and 9th graders creating a swing dance routine with a partner.
- **Ms. Nayar (Science 7)**



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Students are learning chemistry concepts.

- **Ms. Shoemaker (various science)**

Science 7: Students are learning about geologic processes such as earthquakes and plate tectonics.

Biology (9): Students are learning about the chemical reactions used by living things to get energy from food. Soon students will be investigating cellular respiration.

- **Mr. Hedman (Science 8)**

We finished the astronomy unit last semester. We recently started working with fossils and how fossils serve as a record of life on Earth. With the new semester, students will be learning about the history of life on Earth, leading to a driving question: why and how does life on Earth change over time

- **Ms. Sheek (art)**

The 9th grade students just finished self-portraits. Some of them are posted near the front of the school, so take a look at them.

7th graders get a fresh start with new students in art this semester (which starts today). Instead of doing sculpture, students will be doing drawing and painting.

- **Mr. Jacobson (social studies)**

US History is focusing on how the first 7 presidents put the constitution into action, with a focus on the actions and legacies of those presidents.

V. **Department Report- Counseling**

- Course planning season
- 2/3 sophomore schedules due
- Ms. Ferguson will be visiting elementary schools for rising 6th graders
- 2/4 Da Vinci charter orientation
- 2/5 7th grade parent info night
- 2/11 DSHS Counselors will be back at Emerson
- 2/12 Da Vinci shadow day

VI. **President Report**

- Bake sales going well/ PBIS support (thank you to Fluffy's for the ongoing donation)
- Swag store sales are low/ should we keep it open ended? How can we promote more sales



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VII. Officers' report

- **Treasurer Kaci Walsh**
 - o Bake sales are averaging \$1000/sale
 - **Kate Sedillo**
 - o Time to tally volunteer hours/ survey coming out in the next few weeks
 - o 2nd teacher grant applications for the spring/ initiate app in feb
 - **Secretary/9th Grade Events Kalin Watkins**
 - o 9th grade trip- beach day
 - o Motion to approve \$1,216 for bus deposit for 9th grade beach trip by Stephanie Miller, motion second by Dora Hayes, Motion carries.
 - **Dora Hayes**
 - o Polling for parents staying on PTA for next year
 - **Fundraising Sara Niyati- Haddadan & Kristine Cohen**
 - o Shoe drive- 2 upcoming community events
 - o Volunteers needed for donation drop-off
 - o Have received a couple hundred pairs of shoes
- Auction:**
- o Need volunteers for food trucks (Kaci Walsh volunteered)
 - o Need volunteers for auction website
 - o Auction committee meetings beginning in February/ hoping to form a committee of 5-6 members

Meeting adjourned: 7:16pm