**Emerson PTA Meeting Agenda: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6 p.m. – Zoom**

**Start time: 6:03pm**

1. **In attendance:**

Cindy Passmore, Katharine Desjarlais, Rich Hedman, Kaci Walsh, Kalin Watkins, Yvette Bonneau, Brianne Leymaster, Kate Sedillo, Dora Hogan, Deziree Sutliff, Nellie Evans, Sara Niyati-Haddadan, Laura, Sandi Matsumoto,

Mike Dufresne

1. **Motion for approval of September meeting minutes**

Motion to approve minutes made by Sara Niyati-Haddadan

Second by Katharine Desjarlais

Motion carries

1. **Principal’s Report – Mr. Dufrense**

First school quarter will end on 10/20. Spirit week is next week (10/23-10/27). October 26th is fall submit for teachers.

Parking lot is slowly reopening- electric charging stations will also be installed.

Campus beautification event has been approved for 11/18 9-12 to address the flower beds inside the halls, weeding, tree trimming etc. within the campus.

First Parent ED night in library on 10/18 topic: social media. October is a common time for behavioral incidents. International news impacts the school and the students**.**

1. **President’s Report – Cindy Passmore**

Recently attended the “All district PTA” meeting with Superintendent. Superintendent Best spoke on recent bomb threats and the district is working closely with law enforcement. Similar threats have been made to hundreds on communities coming from an untraceable address.

The bond that funds so much of our schools is expiring and the district is hoping for lots of community support when it is put on the ballot again.

1. **Teacher’s Report- Rich Hedman:**

Universal Design for Learning (UDL)- teachers attended 2 professional development days about this. UDL provides all students with good instructional scaffolds and enhanced planning to improve student learning.

* **Report from Leadership**: Had 1st school rally on 9/29- was successful. 24 students attended a leadership conference in Woodland. Students are preparing for the upcoming Halloween dance and grams. Also planning for spirit week.
* **Report from Yearbook**: has been working on design for yearbook cover and taking lots of sports pictures.
* **Report form Computer Arts:** Students designed and 3D-printed name keychains/bag tags. Also making some designs for the Emerson keyrings/bag tags that counsellors hand out to 6th graders in the Spring.
* **Report from Ethnic studies:** Students are coming to the end of the second unit, Identity & Intersectionality. Have been building community through circles, learning about each other, and monthly potlucks.
* **Report from Science:** 9th grade biology students just did an experiment to help them figure out where Earth’s oceans came from.

8th grade science students are wrapping up a unit on the fossil record and geologic time.

**VI. Officers’ Reports:**

1. **Treasurer report – Deziree Sutliff, PTA Treasurer**

* Most income currently coming from Nugget Scrip. Current checking account balance $4521.08. Current savings balance 13,459.55
* Motion to accept financial report made by Brianne Leymaster

Motion second by Deziree Sutliff

1. **Teacher grants – Katie Sedillo, PTA Historian & Teacher Grant Chair**

* There are 2 grant applications periods in the school year, first in fall. Hoping to make some progress by next PTA meeting.

**VII. New Business:**

1. **Fundraising and membership drive plan:** we need more enthusiasm for fundraising. Bake sales or eat out nights are possible.
2. No objection to canceling a December meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**A. Next meeting Monday, November 27 at 6 p.m. (six weeks because of**

**Thanksgiving Break)**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:02pm**