

Elkins HS PTO Meeting
Elkins High School, Missouri City, TX

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026

- Meeting called to order by Angelica at 6:11 pm.
- **Attendance:** Laura Najera, Amy Wang, Sara A Lakhani, Anna Ramos, Asmita Ali, Erin Sherman, Maria Pannala, Mariyah Dhedhi, Jason Karam, Naaila Sami, Nadine Skinner, Arpana Dadhia, Yasmine Nashwati, Pallavi Goel, Gabby Frausto, Angelica Finley, Sana Malik, Angelica Morales, Dolon Gundoju, Charu Shiva
- **Quorum** was established.
- **Principal Report (From Mr. Karam)**
 - 3 students going to state in sports: 2 tennis, 1 track
 - Majority of AP testing is done. Makeups are this week.
 - Senior final exams started today.
 - Upcoming: Friday is senior walks, May 26th is grad rehearsal, May 26th is senior brunch, May 27th is senior trip.
 - New name calling system for stating graduate names. It speeds up the process and pronounces the names correctly.
 - Seniors turn in their laptops to the auditorium when they are finished exams.
 - Graduation is June 1st at 9 am. Seniors report to campus at 6 am for a bus ride to the Epicenter.
 - Will be a rising senior meeting via teams on June 2nd at 6 pm.
 - We are graded as a campus based on our CCMR percentage. Need a CCMR point to have an off period and to graduate.
 - Hiring Update: We lost several coaches. Are hiring a social studies teacher. Sending out a flyer on twitter and in our newsletter for other positions. School transfer window closes on Friday.
 - Next year we expect between 2850 and 2900 students.
 - Bell schedule should stay the same for next year.
 - Student parking info will come out in mid-July.
 - RPC is debating if they will let EHS students park there anymore.
 - Cavalry is July 28th. Will be 2 sessions- 9-11:30 am and 1-3:30 pm. Please RSVP. But anyone can still come. Afternoon session is usually busier. There will be a teams meeting for parents at 6 pm that same night.
 - August 3rd is a teacher workday, and the kickoff will be on August 4th. PTO will do breakfast that day (starting at 7 am.)
- **Class of 2027 (Mr. Karam and Officers)**
 - PTO handles sunrise, movie night, and sunset.

- No dates yet for sunrise or sunset. Students would like sunrise earlier than it was last year (August 29, 2025). But the admin picks the date once they know the date for Knights Fest.
 - Class officers need to promote all events.
 - Possible sunrise activities: Students write a letter to themselves and then open them up at sunset. Also, write down the name of an influential teacher; teachers would be interviewed and video shown at senior brunch.
 - Maybe move movie night earlier than the week before Thanksgiving. But that is up to the admin.
- **President Report (Angelica Morales)**
 - Thank you for the VIPS Appreciation event- it was appreciated!
 - We will be reviewing next year's budgets.
 - New gifting requests to be discussed later under new business.
 - EOY PTO Dinner is on May 21st at 6:30 pm at Local Table. Please RSVP.
- **Vice President Report (Laura Najera)**
 - We do not choose co-chairs; committee chairs choose if they want one.
 - Executive Board Slate for 2026-2027 (below). All in favor to accept slate as written.
 - President: Angelica Morales
 - Vice President: Sana Malik
 - Treasurer: Sara Lakhani
 - Secretary: Nadine Skinner
 - Parliamentarian: Amy Wang
 - Standing Committee Chairs for 2026-2027 (appointed):
 - Beautification: Tressy Garcia (co-chair Erin Sherman)
 - Gifting: Pallavi Rungta Goel
 - Hospitality: Apryl Gunn-Sherrod
 - Membership: Asmita Ali
 - Pizza: Maria Pannala
 - Safety and Wellness: Yasmine Nashawati
 - Senior Committee: Laura Najera (co-chair Gabby Frausto)
 - Shared Dreams: Ayesha Saleem
 - Student Hospitality: Laila Tharani (co-chair Arpana Dadhia)
 - Sunshine: Afshan Qureshi
 - Publicity/Website: Mariyah Dhedhi
 - VIPS: Liz McDermott (co-chair Christal Workman)
- **Treasurer Report (Amy Wang)**
 - Balance as of today is \$62,335.17.
 - Naaila will confirm that her Shell company match was completed.
 - Amy presented the draft budget for 2026-2027. We will discuss later in the meeting.
- **Secretary Report (Nadine Skinner)**
 - Laura made a motion to approve the April 2026 meeting minutes. Erin seconded the motion. All approved, and the motion passed.

- **Beautification Report (Vidhya Venkatesan and Tressy Garcia)**
 - Need to keep the new front of the school landscaping alive over the summer.
 - Waiting to work on courtyard until after the new awning is installed this summer.
- **Gifting Report (Naaila Sami)**
 - Received request from Mr. Schnabl for aquatic science for Tetra Whisper Air Pumps for \$39.97 each. Wants as many as budget will allow; they are his most needed item. Will impact 320 aquatic science students.
 - Received request from Mrs. Rad for biology for a digital water bath for \$443.59. Will impact 154 AP bio students.
 - We will discuss these requests later in the meeting.
- **Hospitality Report (Kim Remmert)**
 - Gave out gift cards to 66 teacher and staff PTO members for teacher appreciation week. Went very well. Still need to deliver gift card to Coach Holmes. Will do this week.
- **Membership Report (Arpana Dadhia and Laila Tharani)**
 - PTO will talk about membership at the parent meeting on the evening of Cavalry (July 28th).
 - Need to train the new membership chair on Membership Toolkit.
 - We donated some of our PTO shirts to middle schools for their end of the year parties.
 - Will not be giving out a shirt with basic membership next year.
- **Pizza Report (Maria Pannala)**
 - We had a successful final month of sales and sold out every week. Papa Johns has already collected their bags.
 - The total net income for the year is \$24,254.53 (minus all fees and cost of supplies).
 - Key Takeaways from this year:
 - We averaged 115 boxes per week (lower than last year).
 - Monday announcements during lunch helped.
 - Sales got a bit impacted by Ramadan, STAAR testing, and to a larger extent, by long weekends.
 - AP exams had no negative impact in sales, only a difference in load distribution.
 - Sales picked up in the last 2-3 weeks of school (and we had some kids without pizza on those days).
- **Safety and Wellness Report (Ayesha Saleem)**
 - For National Nurses Week (May 6-12), she arranged gift baskets for our 3 amazing nurses to show our appreciation for everything they do for our students.
 - She partnered with the Excel Club, who created a beautiful poster to display outside the clinic. It was wonderful to see so many students stop by throughout the week to sign it and leave kind messages for our nurses.
 - The total cost of the gift baskets was \$150, and she sent the reimbursement request to Amy on the 14th.
 - For our parking lot attendant, Mr. Rhodes, she purchased 2 \$25 gift cards (HEB and Walmart) and put together a basket with snacks from Trader Joe's as a small token of appreciation. She will

wrap the basket and present it on Friday. The total cost was \$80, and the reimbursement request has been submitted to Amy.

- **Seniors Report (Anna Ramos)**

- Senior Sunset was a success! She would rethink the number of students attending. She was going by Sunrise numbers but didn't take into consideration it being the end of the year and them having to come back to school. Also, combining field day with sunset did not go as planned. Would just focus on sunset instead.
- Other takeaways:
 - Gaming trucks were filled, but had no lines. Maybe consider 1 truck instead of 2.
 - Most students stayed on the field.
 - Obstacle course was a big hit.
 - About 250-300 students came. Lower than sunrise (500).
 - Had plenty of food- Subway sandwiches. Had leftovers.
 - Ice cream truck was a big success.
 - Drinks- not a lot left over.
 - Parachute and bubbles were big hits.
 - No real need for SPED area.
 - DJ was very good.
 - Photo booth and fireworks were good. Look into where students should be during fireworks.

- **Shared Dreams Report (Dolon Gundoju)**

- At the EHS day at Shared Dreams, 6 people came. Suggest an earlier date next year if possible.
- She will resend the email with amazon nurse needs to Angelica and Amy.

- **Student Hospitality Report (Afshan Qureshi and Gabriela Frausto)**

- Spring Photo Booth Fun Event is tomorrow during lunches. Cookies have been delivered. Need to order more napkins.
- Consider doing event in April next year when there is no testing and seniors will still be at school.

- **Sunshine Report (Pallavi Rungta Goel)**

- Will be delivering birthday treats for January- July birthdays tomorrow at 10 am. She has already sent an email to Ms. Muceus to inform the teachers.
- Should give leftover travel mugs to next year's new teachers and staff.

- **Publicity and Website Report (Erin Sherman and Shefali Patel)**

- Will put the minutes and VIPS on the website.
- Will removed the class of 2026 senior committee link and the pizza sales link.

- **VIPS Report (Charu Shiva and Liz McDermott)**

- VIPS of the month for April: Maria Pannala and Gabriela Ruiz Frausto.
- District VIPS meeting will be on May 20th.
- PTO Dinner on May 21st at 6:30 pm at Local table.
- Please report volunteer hours using designated reporting link.

- Consider joining the FBEF Auxiliary Volunteer team to support FBISD teachers and schools! Go to: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/kdxLhVpfqy>
- Check out FBEF's community discount program at <https://bit.ly/fbefcommunitydiscounts> for savings on various products and services.
- Let FBEF partner, Energy Ogre, handle your electricity plan. Sign up at www.energyogre.com using code "FBEF" and you'll get the 13th month free!

- **New Business**

- Gifting: Have \$1945.72 left in teacher gifting budget.
- Ms. Rad request for AP Bio: Dolon made a motion to approve. Pallavi seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Mr. Schnabl request for Aquatic Science: Naaila made a motion to purchase up to 35 pumps. Laura seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Will contact him to see how many pumps he actually needs.
- Custodian appreciation: We gave gift cards last year. This year, Lourdes said there are 6 custodians. All in agreement to give gift cards using leftover senior budget.
- Officer appreciation: We have 2 officers. All in agreement to give gift cards using leftover sunshine budget.
- 2026-2027 budget: Changes made \$1100 for VIPS and \$11,000 for seniors. Nadine made a motion to approve this budget with changes made. Erin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- We need to talk to club sponsors about our grant money that is available. Can even be used for groups travelling soon. Laura will contact sponsors. First come, first served.
- We want to do more for students. Ideas include: new printer for students for when library is closed (Ms. Muceus' idea), new microwave for cafeteria, ask librarian for needs.
- We will be rolling over about \$40,000 to next year's budget.

- **Up Next**

- May 19th-22nd: Senior Exams
- May 20th: Student Hospitality Photo Booth event
- May 20th: Sunshine event
- May 21st: PTO Board End of the Year Dinner. Please RSVP on the group chat.
- May 22nd: Senior Walks
- May 22nd-28th: 9th- 11th grade exams
- May 25th: No school- Memorial Day
- May 26th: Graduation Rehearsal and Senior Brunch
- May 27th and 28th: Early Release
- May 28th: Last Day of School
- June 1st: Graduation (Congratulations!)

- Meeting adjourned by Angelica at 8:13 pm.