

## Elkins HS PTO Meeting

Elkins High School, Missouri City, TX

### Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

- Meeting called to order at 6:14 pm by Angelica.
- **Attendance:** Erin Sherman, Ayesha Saleem, Maria Pannala, Elizabeth McDermott, Angelica Morales, Dolon Gundoju, Amy Wang, Charu Shiva, Nadine Skinner, Laura Najera
- **Quorum** established.
- **Principal Report (Ms. Muceus)**
  - Dr. Smith recently visited and saw engineering academy, band, and dance. He was impressed with his visit. Promos for engineering academy were made.
  - Total school population is 2854 students.
  - STAAR/EOC retesting was done in December. Interventions will start this week during Noble Knight time.
  - Will get staff numbers for next year in February.
  - The whole campus will get new furniture this summer.
  - Spring open house is tomorrow night for incoming freshmen.
  - Angelica will ask about location of new bike rack.
  - There are a few new staff members this semester, including the receptionist.
- **President Report (Angelica Morales)**
  - School officers heard that construction across from EHS should start in February. Ms. Muceus was not told anything about it though. Mr. Pike was the staff member in the planning meetings. Will ask them not to do construction during 6-7:30 am and 2-3:30 pm.
  - Class of 2027 wants to meet with us in May to go over their ideas. Mr. Karam will be the senior class advisor. PTO is responsible for sunrise, sunset, fall event, and the spring event. Try to have them all on campus, and all PTO events are free.
  - This year, the class of 2026 will be combining field day (spring event) and sunset.

- Mr. Karam will be having a meeting with the whole class of 2027 to vote on what they want to do.
- We will have a table tomorrow for spring open house in the blue hallway.
- **Vice President Report (Laura Najera)**
  - All items for the FBEF Gala basket have been received. The theme is “You First.” Laura will send a photo of the basket when it is completed. It needs to be delivered on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Nominating Committee formation will begin in February. Laura will create and send an interest form- be sure to respond.
- **Treasurer Report (Amy Wang)**
  - She is working on sales tax filing right now. She will email the board the budget soon.
  - Total balance is \$53365.57.
  - We got \$120.75 from Kroger.
  - She needs a few itemized receipts still- HEB and Kroger.
  - Per Angelica, the December budget for a few items (teacher gifting and health and wellness) does not match the approved budget. Amy will look into this.
- **Secretary Report (Nadine Skinner)**
  - Laura motioned to approve the December 2025 meeting minutes. Ayesha seconded the motion. All approved, and the motion passed.
- **Beautification Report (Vidhya Venkatesan and Tressy Garcia)**
  - Tressy talked to Richard, and he said to plant after February so we avoid any freezes. We will plan to pick out greenery and flowers to beautify the school sometime in late February. Before that we will schedule a meeting with Ms. Muceus to discuss the plan and keep you all posted.
  - The entire budget will be used for flowers, plants, and supplies for the landscaping to be redone.
- **Gifting Report (Naaila Sami)**
  - No new teacher or club requests.
- **Hospitality Report (Kim Remmert)**
  - Need to reconcile donations with real budget. Per Amy, we need to have an incoming budget line for donations.

- Kim Remmert is the new chair because Michelle had to resign.
  - January: no event, need full budget to plan for semester
  - February: counselor appreciation
  - March: no event
  - April: AP appreciation, STAAR snacks
  - May: Teacher appreciation week lunch (La Escondida)
- **Membership Report (Arpana Dadhia and Laila Tharani)**
    - Order placed for the membership banner. We had to make some corrections to names on the banner. The banner should be here by the end of the week.
- **Pizza Report (Maria Pannala and Brandi Downey)**
    - \$1500 net for last week and this week.
    - Had a few boxes left last week.
    - Not many people bought pizza this week, especially during lunches A and C. Many boxes left. Sold lowest number of boxes this week.
    - Pizza bags will be kept in PTO room for pickup.
- **Safety and Wellness Report (Ayesha Saleem)**
    - City Response on Pedestrian & Traffic Safety: Following up on prior correspondence, she received a detailed response from acting Missouri City Police Chief Kevin Burleson regarding traffic and pedestrian safety concerns surrounding EHS.
      - Missouri City Police acknowledged increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic along Knights Court due to newer subdivisions south of the campus.
      - Knights Court remains part of Missouri City's school zone enforcement rotation, and traffic enforcement continues when feasible, though the narrow roadway presents operational challenges.
      - Missouri City confirmed that certain areas of concern, including Thompson Ferry Road and nearby neighborhood streets, fall under Fort Bend County jurisdiction requiring coordination beyond Missouri City limits.
    - She responded to Chief Burleson to clarify several ongoing safety gaps, including:
      - Lack of continuous sidewalk connection from River Point Church toward Highway 6, which students regularly access.

- Unsafe student crossings at Knights Court student parking lot entrance, particularly during low light conditions, with no pedestrian beacon despite high foot traffic.
  - The absence of crossing guards at high school campuses and limited supervision at key student crossing points.
  - Student drop off and unmarked crossings near Andover Trace Lane and Hidden Bough Lane, which may require Fort Bend County review.
  - She is awaiting further guidance on next steps, including coordination with Fort Bend County and potential infrastructure or enforcement solutions.
  - Health and Safety Event- April 2026: Planning continues for a Driving and Pedestrian Safety Awareness Booth aligned with: National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and National Walking Day. The originally proposed date of April 1 conflicted with senior cap and gown distribution. Campus admin recommended Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> as an alternative. The event would be held during lunch, with the commons as the preferred location pending final confirmation. She is requesting PTO feedback and approval to proceed with planning and volunteer coverage for the April 8<sup>th</sup> event (Ayesha has a SHAC meeting conflict).
  - Front of Campus Construction Awareness: She does not have updates regarding construction in front of EHS. The most recent information indicated that the project remains on hold following the registration of the City Engineer.
  - There was supposed to be a traffic assessment done on January 8<sup>th</sup>. No update received yet.
- **Senior Report (Anna Ramos)**
    - Combined Field Day and Senior Sunset event on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Shared Dreams Report (Dolon Gundoju)**
    - Kickoff on February 9<sup>th</sup> to go over plan.
    - Shared Dreams previously asked for deodorant, toilet paper, and toothpaste. Dolon will confirm.
    - Dolon met with NHS and StuCo sponsors last Friday.
    - Event will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>, with Thursday and Friday for boxing and taking to Shared Dreams.
    - There will be a StuCo project team lead and a NHS liaison. There will be about 6-8 student members on the team.
    - Students can present the drive to organizations outside of Elkins.

- Can get YES hours for presenting, building, making posters, etc. But not for donating.
  - NHS can also give points, but students should not double dip.
- **Student Hospitality Report (Afshan Qureshi and Gabriela Frausto)**
    - Spring Photo Booth Fun event will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is instead of the ice cream event.
- **Sunshine Report (Pallavi Rungta Goel)**
    - The next event will be in May.
- **Publicity and Website Report (Erin Sherman and Shefali Patel)**
    - Newsletter deadline: Tuesday
    - Membership Toolkit for announcements and need sponsors on there.
    - VIPS of the month and gifting updated pics need to be added to webpage.
    - Logos from sponsors for webpage and social media need to be added. Sports Booster did this well.
- **VIPS Report (Charu Shiva and Liz McDermott)**
    - VIPS of the month for December: Angelica Morales and Pallavi Goel. VIPS of the month will be recognized in EHS herald, Facebook, Instagram, and PTO page.
    - VIPS December Guest Speakers:
      - Chris Kar, Manager of Information Security: Presented an overview of GoGuardian, including recent updates, system usage, and its continued impact on staff and students.
      - Payal Pandit Talati, Executive Director, and Jodi Rider, Coordinator, Engagement and Planning for Collaborative Communities: Provided an overview of long-range boundary planning process and why we are currently engaged in a multi-year, strategic plan. Board meetings were held on December 15<sup>th</sup> (Special Called Workshop and Board Meeting) and January 12<sup>th</sup> (Long-Range Boundary Planning Update) and can be reviewed online. For more information on long-range boundary planning, please visit: [www.fortbendis.com/attendanceboundaries](http://www.fortbendis.com/attendanceboundaries).
- **Up Next**
    - January 21<sup>st</sup>: Course Selection Night for incoming freshmen
    - February 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>: Counselor Appreciation Week
    - February 13<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>: No school

- February 17<sup>th</sup>: PTO Meeting
  - March 6<sup>th</sup>: No school
  - March 16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>: Spring Break
  - March 24<sup>th</sup>: PTO Meeting
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- Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.