

Elkins HS PTO Meeting
Elkins High School, Missouri City TX
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024

- Meeting called to order by Nadine Skinner at 6:37pm.
- Welcome/Members in attendance: SANDY LI, MARIA PANNALA, PRINCY GOBRAN, CHARU SHIVA, ELIZABETH MCDERMOTT, NADINE SKINNER, AYESHA SALEEM, LAURA NAJERA, ARPANA DADHIA, AMY WANG
- Parliamentarian- Sana Malik (not present)
 - Quorum reached
 - Approval of October Minutes: Ayesha makes the motion to approve with corrections, Sandy seconds, all in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passes.
- Principal Report- None present

Celebrations:

- EHS Orchestra received state honors! 8th Best 6A Orchestra in the state!
- Football heading to Round 2 of Playoffs. First time to get this far in many years!
- The number of students failing classes at the end of T1 is down 34% from the end of T1 last year.
- Discipline data: Decrease in the number of fighting and serious offenses from the end of T1 in 2023 to end of T1 in 2024. Increase in the number of vaping offenses.
- Cross Country State Finalist, Zach M.- 23rd place out of 151 runners

Updates:

- We are starting to plan for closing out the Fall Semester and starting the Spring Semester
- Information will come out right after Thanksgiving for students to request exam exemptions.
- Exam Schedule is in the parent newsletter.
- EHS Feeder Pattern meeting with Dr. Smith went well. All the principals from our feeder pattern met with him for about an hour. He will meet with us 2-4 times a year in that small group setting. This initial meeting was primarily principals telling him about the campuses, students, and community that make up the EHS Feeder pattern. He had a note taker there and heard our concerns. We hope to get a follow-up soon.

- Thank you to PTO for planning the wonderful Thanksgiving luncheon. That is always a staff favorite. Also, thank you for offering to do the Christmas wrapping again!

- President Report- Nadine Skinner
 - Nadine reminds everyone about background checks and PTO dues.
 - PTO cabinet has been purchased and delivered to school. Mr. Pike /Lourdes will put together the cabinet next week.
 - Nadine confirmed that clubs do not have to wait to use their money (in regards of the Chinese club question from last month)
 - FBEF Gala in February, Laura will do the basket. We will need to move money from school projects. Arpana made a motion to move \$250 from School projects to a FBEF gala basket and Charu seconded the motion,, everyone in favor, the motion passed.
 - 12 days of Christmas for staff start Dec. 5th. PTO hospitality event is December 12th, gift wrapping event for staff.

- Vice President Report- Laura Najera
 - Nothing to report

- Treasurer Report- Amy Wang
 - Balance about \$52,000
 - \$9000 pizza sales
 - \$4700 pizza expense
 - Membership \$9300 income less \$3000 shirt expense
 - Hospitality spent \$1800 on luncheon
 - VIPS \$15
 - PTO website \$155.88
 - \$11,000 overall monthly expense
 - Workspace emails coming this week

- Secretary- Angelica Morales (not present)
 - Nothing to report

- Gifting- Naaila Sami (not present)
 - Justine Dominy sent two club requests-
 - FASHION CLUB: Needs money for activities to engage students and promote the club. Sandy made a motion to approve \$150 for the fashion club, Laura

seconded the motion, everyone in favor. The motion passed. We will collect a list of items and will order them.

- KNIGHTS KREW: Needs money for paint and materials for banner . Ayesha made a motion to approve \$150 for the Knights krew club. Nadine will order the supplies needed. Amy seconded the motion, everyone in favor. The motion passed.

- VIPS- Charu Shiva and Nakia Allen

- EHS VIPS of the month--October 2024--Maria Pannala.

VIPS Meeting Summary: 11/7/2024

- The meeting opened with a welcome by FBISD Department of Collaborative Communities staff. Two guest speakers were asked to present topics that are important for VIPS Campus Coordinators and parent organizations to learn about and take back to their campuses.

11/7/24 Guest Speakers:

- Fort Bend Education Foundation: Hillary Dunn, Executive Director Presented the opportunity for campuses/teachers to apply for upcoming grants.
- VIPS Campus Coordinators can pitch ideas to campus administration/teachers and help write grants.
- Teachers must be the grant submitter.
- Founder's Grant (\$20,000) due on 11/28/24.
- Classroom Grants (\$500-\$1,500) due on 1/23/25.
- Campus Grants (\$2,000 for elementary; \$5,000 for secondary) due on 1/23/25.
- American Heart Association (AHA)-- Stephanie Lopez/Molly Thompson
- Presented information on Kids Heart Challenge; aiming to get more participation from FBISD campuses.
- Presented information on available CPR training for campuses.
- Grants available for campuses to apply for.
- For interest in bringing AHA programs to your campus, contact Ashley Avalos at: Ashley.R.Avalos@heart.org.
- Collaborative Communities Information
- UPLIFT Mentor Program: Sign up to become a mentor or help launch a mentor program at your campus! If you are interested in either, please contact us at CollaborativeCommunities@fortbendisd.gov. Some of you are already launching mentoring at your campuses and we are thrilled!
- Brighter Bites Program: Ridgemont Elementary School is seeking volunteers to help bag produce for our families. Sign-up Genius:
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA8A82CA0FEC61-52695349-brighter](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA8A82CA0FEC61-52695349-brighter#/)
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- Holiday Cheer Program: This initiative supports our families during the holiday breaks. If your volunteers would like to be delivery elves to our campuses December 17-20, 2024, feel free to reach out to Bobbie Anderson.
- Support for Teachers to Support Students
- · BJ's Restaurant
- · The restaurant is offering teachers an opportunity to request 120 Awesome Achievement Awards as incentives for students to receive a free Pizookie. Please share this with your campus teachers.
- Friendly Reminders/Resources:
- · Volunteer Hours: <https://forms.office.com/r/7WDDCxdH4>
- · Volunteer Criminal History Application: Human Resources / Criminal History Checks
- Next Meeting Schedule:
- January 23, 2025, In-person
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- FBISD Board Room

- Membership- Arpana Dadhia and Laila Tharani
 - Next pick up is Thursday 23 , most items have been delivered. Whatever is left Laura will help us distribute. Banner will be ordered soon, we have about 230 members.

- Pizza- Bhavna Bindal and Maria Pannala
 - Sales \$4021.96 with 4 pizza days

- Hospitality- Michelle Quinteros (not present)
 - Today was the thanksgiving luncheon, we had enough food ordered from the FBISD catering, plenty of volunteers and the staff loved the healthy options and to be able to attend in the library. Will create a sign-up genius for volunteers for the gift-wrapping event , only people who have talent to do gift wrapping. will also send a google form to teachers to request gifts to be picked up.

- Social Media and Website- Erin Sherman and Shefali Patel (not present)
 - Minutes will be posted

- Beautification- Beza Tsegaye (not present)
 - Waiting on custodian to make their final decision about what will be ordered. Lets clean Elkins will collaborate with PTO

- Shared Dreams- Dolon Gundaju (not present)
 - Over 1000 cans and over 25 boxes AMAZING JOB

- Senior Committee- Sandy Li
 - Senior Drive tomorrow
 - One food truck confirmed, Students have been advertising flyers, popcorn donated from Star cinema grill. Sandy spent \$600 on screen. We also receive several donations from parents (candy, water, hot cocoa)
 - Laura explained the senior serve event.
- Safety- Ayesha Saleem
 - Next meeting is Dec 4th in the admin building. Schools are not getting extra money for safety and officers; this is a big issue.
 - The effort to review and potentially repeal HB 114, which mandates DAEP placement for vaping/e-cigarettes, is part of Fort Bend ISD's Board Legislative Priorities for the 89th session of the Texas legislature. This review is driven primarily by the district's limited resources in accommodating all students who are caught vaping in the DAEP program.
- YES Program- Vydhya Venkatesan (not present)
 - Vidhya is working with Ms. Smith. 75% of the forms have been uploaded to school links.
- Student Hospitality and Advocacy- Afshan Qureshi (not present)
 - No report
- Sunshine- Jyoti Sardana (not present)
 - No report
- Comments/Further Discussion:
- Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm in the library
- Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm