

Elkins HS PTO Meeting  
Elkins High School, Missouri City TX  
Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2025

- Meeting called to order by Nadine Skinner at 6:35pm.
- Welcome/Members in attendance: Nadine Skinner, Erin Sherman, Jason Karam, Charu Shiva, Maria Pannala, Beza Tsegaye, Sana Malik, Bhavna Bindal, Ayesha Saleem, Ana Apolinar, Dolun Gondoju, Amy Wang, Afshan Qureshi, Naaila Sami
- Parliamentarian- Sana Malik
  - Quorum reached
  - Approval of December Minutes: Bhavna makes the motion to approve, Charu seconds, all in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passes.
- Principal Report- Mr. Karam
  - Current enrollment is at 2840, 698 seniors, 686 juniors, 711 sophomores, and 745 freshmen
  - Course selection verification is happening March 10-14
  - We have our first ever state swimmer
  - Student parking lot pothole being repaired
  - Speed limit signs question: The speed limit signs that are visible as you are exiting the student lot say the limit is 25mph, when the legal limit is actually 20mph. This was brought up by Kali Shiller our past Health and Safety Chair. Who is responsible for changing them? Admin will ask to see if the city deals with this.
  - Several new CCR requirements for seniors to be eligible to have an off period senior year, including that they must score a 480 on English 530 Math on SAT.
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- President Report- Nadine Skinner
  - PTO was asked to purchase a new mascot costume in collaboration with the All Sports Booster Club. Current projects expense has \$2100 left, mascot costume is \$725 including shipping. Discussion. Beza makes the motion to approve no more than \$400 taken from the EHS Project Expense line item for the purchase of the mascot costume. Bhavna 2nds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain, motion passes.
  - PTO Sponsorships- should we provide banners for corporate sponsors? Discussion follows
  - Next year: Bylaws have 2 year position limits. If you have served your 2 years, time to look at other positions to serve in if you would like to continue to be on the board.
- Vice President Report- Laura Najera (not present)

- Gala Basket update: \$250 Reading Themed basket that included bookstore gift cards is complete
- Street signs from previous year update: The signs have been found from 2 years ago and were not installed last year. However, the traffic pattern has now changed, so not all signs can be used. Also, the signs were ordered without posts to put them on. The school only has limited posts that can be used. A work order has been placed and the majority of the signs will be posted.
- Treasurer Report- Amy Wang
  - \$56K balance
  - Income-about \$4k in
  - Expenses- about \$4k out
- Secretary- Angelica Morales (not present)
  - Nothing to report
- Senior Committee- Sandy Li (not present)
  - Senior Field Day is March 18th from 5-7pm
  - They will have a bounce house and field day type games (jump rope, potato sack races, etc..) as well as a color run at 6:30 pm on the practice field. Need 2-3 volunteers at each station. Kona Ice and one food truck will be present.
  - Need a check for security
- Gifting- Naaila Sami
  - \$475.25 available/left in the budget for club grants  
Robotics Club requesting funds for VEX parts which are only available on the VEX Robotics website. Erin makes a motion to approve \$150 for the club. Dolon seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain, motion passes.
  - Theater (Kelsey McMillan) requested 4 digital video cameras at \$244 each for a total of \$976.80 to be bought from a school vendor and get the school pricing. The cameras will help with “blocking theater shows”. PTO funds are limited at this time of year, but Nadine is going to ask for more information and see if other vendors are less expensive, and will revisit this request at the March meeting.
- VIPS- Charu Shiva and Nakia Allen
  - VIPS of the month is Zia Anklesaria.
  - Please report your volunteer hours.
  - The Collaborative Communities had two guest speakers.  
**Guest speakers: Vita Goodell - Exchange Club of Sugar Land – 2025 Blue Ribbon Competition**

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land encourages schools to help raise awareness of child abuse by decorating schools for April, Child Abuse Prevention Month. Contest winners will be awarded their prizes at the Exchange Club meeting on

Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Participating schools compete for prizes based on their applications and the rubric below.

- The first-place school winner will be awarded \$800.
- Second place will receive \$650.
- Third place will receive \$450.

Blue Ribbon contest details were forwarded to Ms. Muceus and Nadine was copied on the email

- **·Margaret “Rene” Cosby – Director of Career & Technical Education (CTE) -**  
Learn about CTE and Opportunities for Students
  - Flyers were shared with information on What is CTE? What is happening at Reese? And What's new for 25-26 school year in CTE?
- Membership- Arpana Dadhia and Laila Tharani (not present)
  - A parent, Tanisha Crawford, sent an email asking about her spirit wear, Membership will contact her
- Pizza- Bhavna Bindal and Maria Pannala
  - Sales totals from 4 pizza days are \$3,077.12, not including additional supplies expenses
  - Will NOT do Wednesday Pizza in April as previously planned.
- Hospitality- Michelle Quinteros (not present)
  - Teachers were gifted bundt cakes and gift cards
- Social Media and Website- Erin Sherman and Shefali Patel
  - Minutes will be posted
- Beautification- Beza Tsegaye
  - Nothing to report
- Shared Dreams- Dolon Gundaju
  - Shared Dreams Days are Feb 25 and 26, please volunteer. There is a sign up genius posted. We have 11 out of 16 slots filled.
  - Spring Drive discussion was had, and it was determined that there will not be a drive due to time constraints this spring.
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- Safety- Ayesha Saleem
  - SHAC- cell phone policy review is being sent to the BOT, all devices must be off during instructional times including tutorials
  - At the 2/19 SHAC meeting the effects of school start times will be discussed. Meeting is from 12-2pm in the admin building. There is a 2018 study on the effects of school start times that the committee is looking at.

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- YES Program- Vydhya Venkatesan (not present)
  - No report
- Student Hospitality and Advocacy- Afshan Qureshi
  - Ice cream party in late March (after spring break, but before staar testing)
  - Will call nutrition dept
- Sunshine- Jyoti Sardana (not present)
  - Delivered 12 cards for faculty and staff at front desk for January
- Comments/Further Discussion:
- Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30pm in the library
- Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm