

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

- Meeting called to order by Nadine Skinner at 6:32pm.
- Welcome/Members in attendance: Nadine Skinner, Donon Gudjoju, Beza Tsegaye, Madhavi Muralidhar, Alysa Davenport, Laila Dawoodani, Arpana Dadhia, Kimberly Brown, Charu Shiva, Tanisha Crawford, Shazni Anur, Sara Lakhani, Elizabeth McDermott, Griselle Roman, Benjamin and SeAnna Harris, Thao Phan, Ron Cyriac, Corey and David Kerr, Angelica Morales, Courtney Muceus, Erin Sherman, Kanika Chaudhary, Amy Wang, Shefali Patel, Kakia Allen, KaTrina Daniels, Lopa Shah, Zeynep Zee Ciftci, Ayesha Saleem, Michelle Quinteros, Sandy Li, Laura Najera, Debra Ealy, Gabriela Frausto, Eugenia Peck
- Quorum reached
- Principal Report- Mrs. Muceus
 - Enrollment: 2828 (Projected: 2760)**
 - Largest class- 9th grade (778)
 - Smallest Class- 12th grade (656)
 - Anticipating more (35 in enrollment queue and traditionally more come back after Labor Day)
 - Vacancies-**
 - 1 Social Studies Teacher/Coach;
 - 2 Special Education Paraprofessionals;
 - 1 Attendance Clerk
 - New portable buildings**
 - Two new buildings equal 4 new classrooms
 - Located near bus ramp
 - Math Classes are outside
 - Experimenting with adding an extra minute for transition time. Will decide after Labor Day.
 - Admin Team**
 - Mrs. Walter- promoted to Associate Principal at QVMS
 - Mr. Jason Karam- new Asst. Principal (former Algebra I teacher)
 - Computers**
 - Almost 100% completed with distribution
 - District hired contractors to stay on campus for several more weeks to help with trouble shooting
 - Patience is key. We realize that there are some functionality issues, and we are informing the district when we hear of them.
 - Best person to contact for issues: Mr. Bennett

ID Badges

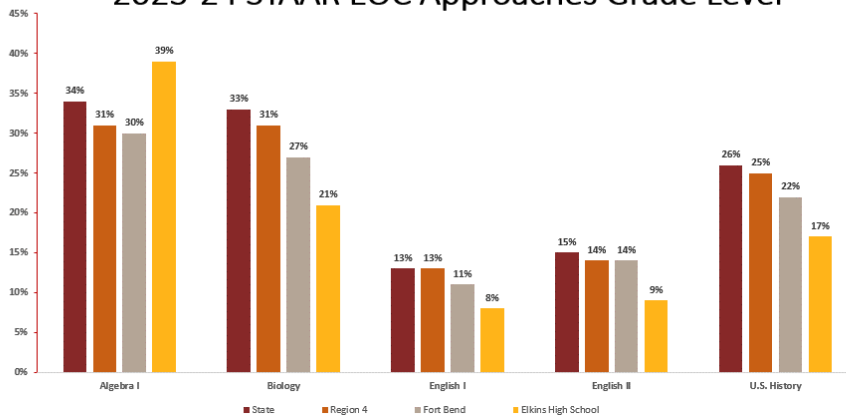
- Almost 100% complete with distribution
- District sent ready made IDs
- Priority #1 making an ID for new students who did not have a premade ID
- Priority #2 making an ID for students who received one with no pictures
- Priority #3 making an ID for students who have a picture printed on their ID that is more than 3 years old
- Expectation- wear around neck daily- all day, every day
- Began using to get on/off buses this week. Coming soon- will use to purchase lunch, check out library books, enter school sponsored events.
- Replacement ID badge will be \$5
- After 3 temporary IDs are issued, there will be a consequence, but we will notify everyone before we start keeping track

Celebrations:

- Jr. Achievement Team competed nationally over the summer and got 2nd place!
- EHS competed in National Speech and Debate tournament this summer- lots of distinctions earned, and EHS is ranked among the top 50 schools in Texas for 2023-24 school year!
- Athletics has begun- tennis, cross country, water polo, volleyball- all doing well. Even some medals earned already!
- AP Scholars- 989 students took 2,168 exams. Of the 989, 360 were named AP Scholars!
- STAAR Data: Handout see below

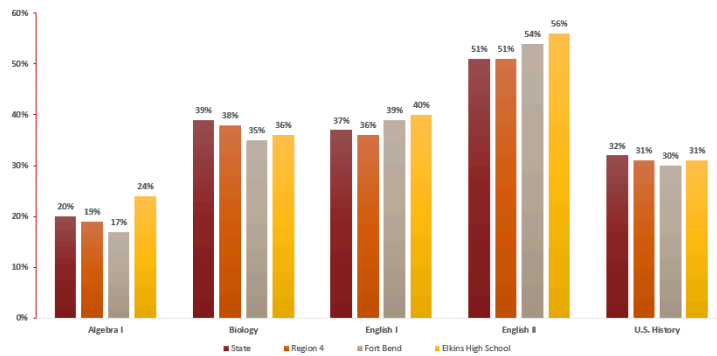
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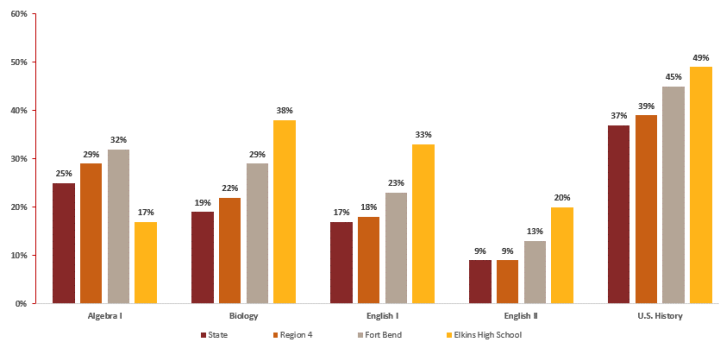
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2023-24 STAAR EOC Meets Grade Level



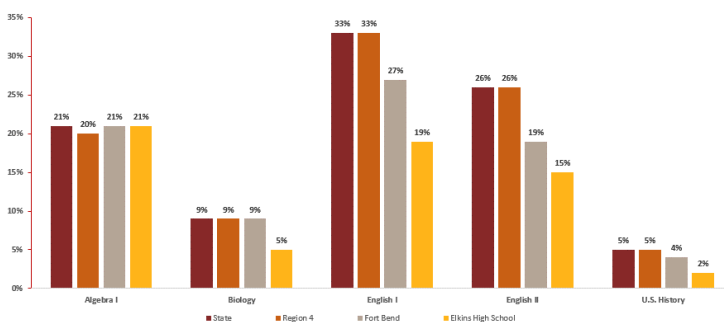
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2023-24 STAAR EOC Did Not Meet Grade Level



- B's Boutique will be offering EHS spirit wear
- Knight Fest is moved to August 29th, district moved the football game on the 22nd to Mercer for security staffing, Knight Fest will be held next week instead.
- Will add students who need a new ID badge with headscarf to priority list

- There is a PTO pizza day during EOC testing, will look to move the date
 - The school calendar on webpage is updated once a month, PTO meetings will get listed monthly when school google calendar is updated
 - There are 2 officers at EHS, they are positioned where there are the MOST students, which is why they are INSIDE during morning traffic hours
 - Some students that are having laptop issues did not wait the 15mn necessary to upload all the updates. They need to type in "UPDATES" in the search bar and see if there are any to be done. This will help get all apps needed. IT is working on updates and there will be ongoing ones as well.
 - If parents are not getting mass emails, they need to check their Family 1 email information on Skyward. All email preferences are done on Skyward.
 - Morning announcements will start getting posted in Schoology in the Library Group for reference.
 - Students who have not picked up tshirts from Cavalry can do so at lunches. Announcements have been made already, but will keep repeating them.
 - PTO room supplies may have been moved or donated. Will reach out to former CCR to see if she knows where they are.
 - Internet improvements were made throughout the building, phones are getting service in the library!
 - Concern about no PE instruction happening in girls PE in 4th and 6th period was brought up. Mrs. Muceus was going to look into it right away, as a teacher is assigned for both those periods.
 - Morning announcements will start getting posted in the Library Schoology Course for parents and students to have as reference.
- President Report- Nadine Skinner
 - All board members MUST join PTO and complete a background check. Please do so by next week, we still have 5 outstanding members.
 - PTO will have a table at Knight Fest, will need all PTO board members available to help.
 - Annual PTO /Booster Club meeting is Saturday, Sept 14th 9-12:30pm, let Nadine know if you can attend.
 - Audit has been completed!
 - An EHS parent owns Sugar Land Printing and would be happy to help any committees with their printing needs.
- Vice President Report- Laura Najera
 - No report
- Treasurer Report- Amy Wang
 - Our current balance is about \$38K, \$8k has been recieved from memberships, \$500 was received from Shell Oil from a company match donation, \$400 was received from zelle donations for the back to school hospitality event
 - Pizza has been ordered for the first Pizza Tuesday

- If anyone has any check requests, please submit reimbursement forms as soon as possible.
- Will look into getting a Google Workspace account for PTO use
- Secretary- Angelica Morales
 - Approval of July meeting minutes
 - Dolan makes motion to approve, Erin seconds the motion, all vote to approve, none opposed, none abstained.
- Gifting- Naaila Sami (not present)
 - Geometry Department (Benson)- Request is for the Formative Program which all students in on-level courses use. The request is for the silver plan for 3 math teachers.
 Cost is \$15/10mos for \$450 OR \$432 for the annual plan.
 Approximately 30 students would be impacted by this request.
 Principal Muceus approves and recommends the request and let us know that the vendor is not FBISD approved therefore, the school cannot fulfill the request.
 No discussion
 Ayesha makes the motion to approve the request, Michelle seconds. All approve, none opposed, none abstained.
 - Football (Grimes)- Request is for helmet decals with the updated school colors, the decals will be used with the new helmets and should be removable to be used again.
 Cost is \$1322.50 for the decals
 Approximately 75 students would be impacted by this request.
 Principal Muceus approves and recommends this request as this is not an FBISD vendor and school cannot make the purchase. Football has used their budget to purchase new uniforms.
 Discussion- Nadine brought up that PTO fulfilled this request last year for the football program as there was no All Sports Booster at the time, and PTO wanted to welcome coach to the school and help promote the football team and increase school spirit. While it is no fault of the coach that the district updated the colors and the previously purchased decals cannot be used again, PTO has already approved this request once. This year our gifting budget is only \$3000, so this would cut our budget by one third. Given that there is now a sports booster, perhaps we could discuss this with their president and they could fulfill this request. Laura mentioned that this is a time sensitive request because football season is a couple of weeks away and it would be nice to get this order placed so the helmets are ready for the season. Ayesha mentioned perhaps fulfilling a portion of the request, maybe \$300 and letting the sports booster or the football team come up with the rest. There was agreement with this compromise.
 Discussion settled on donating \$322.50 for payment of the decals.

Laura makes a motion to donate \$322.50 to the Football program contingent upon the football team or the sports booster, or both being able to fund the other \$1,000 necessary to order the 75 decals.

Zee seconds the motion. All are in favor, none opposed, none abstain.

Motion passes.

- VIPS- Charu Shiva and Nakia Allen
 - Link to report outside hours is available and has been sent via Group Chat, please add to website, and please don't forget to report your volunteer hours.
 - First district VIPS meeting is on Sept. 5th.
- Membership- Arpana Dadhia and Laila Tharani
 - 165 memberships so far, project about \$13k minus the unpaid memberships, about 26 still unpaid, will be reaching out to those via email. 30+ pizza pass memberships have been sold. 5 board members still have not joined PTO, please join, it is a requirement per our bylaws.
 - 77 faculty memberships, 20 still unpaid, will reach out to them via email as well.
 - We will be using our 2 Tax Free days on Knight Fest and Tshirt distribution day in October
 - Will use Membership Toolkit QR code to take payments for memberships at Knight Fest
- Pizza- Bhavna Bindal and Maria Pannala
 - First sales day is Tuesday, Aug. 20th
 - Pizzas have been ordered
 - Will have a roster of pizza pass holders from membership
- Hospitality- Michelle Quinteros
 - Back to School breakfast was a success. Teachers enjoyed the Chick-fil-A
 - Working on next event in October for custodian appreciation
- Social Media and Website- Erin Sherman and Shefali Patel
 - No update
 - Keep sending in items for distribution
- Beautification- Beza Tsegaye
 - Would like to purchase a larger US flag for the commons
 - Also suggested purchasing new flags for countries not represented, principal mentioned that last year a survey was sent to students to ask if their flag was not represented and school got no responses. Will try to do another survey again this year during Noble Knight time.
 - Beza also suggested looking at adding more plants to the front of the school to make it more welcoming.

- Shared Dreams- Dolon Gundoku
 - Spoke with Bobbi Anderson and plans to have a Fall Drive and a Spring Drive
 - Would like to do a non-perishables drive the week of Nov. 12-15th, maybe partnering with StuCo (Guidry) or NHS (Phi) and have volunteers to pack items up Nov 18th-20th.
 - Principal suggested speaking with club and organization sponsors or athletics coaches before committing to a date because some may already have a drive planned on their own.
 - Mrs. Muceus also suggested partnering with the Elkins Theater Company because they have their musical performance that week and could maybe offer a ticket discount with a donation to the drive.
 - Each school is asked to send volunteers during their Shared Dreams days, ours are Feb. 25th and 26th. This is for parent volunteers only, not students. More information will come out in the spring.

- Senior Committee- Sandy Li
 - Senior Sunrise is Friday, Sept 6th
 - Shirt link and flyer is posted
 - Sign up for donations is going out Friday, asking for 20 volunteers to help starting at 5:30am. Starbucks is donating the coffee.

- Safety- Ayesha Saleem
 - Will be attending the district SHAC meeting on Sept. 4th. All are welcome to come to admin building from 12-2pm and bring their lunch.
 - Mrs. Muceus suggested contacting Mrs. Huang who is the sponsor for the Student Wellness Committee, creating a partnership with SHAC and our PTO committee
 - A presentation/assembly was suggested by the chair that would be presented by MDA to the students. Principal suggested vetting the presentation before committing to it, as we want to make sure it is relevant and impactful for our students.

- YES Program- Vydhya Venkatesan (not present)
 - No report sent
 - Angelica mentioned that the Engineering Academy is going to start collecting hours in a different manner. Information has not been sent about it yet. Mrs. Martinez is the Academy Coordinator

- Comments:
 - 5 EHS students are continuing the KickStart program at FSMS to earn their red belts
 - Mrs. Macmillan, a theater teacher, had a baby boy. Sunshine Committee chair can send a card.

- Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm in the library
- Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm