

Elkins HS PTO Meeting  
Elkins High School, Missouri City, TX  
Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2026

- Meeting called to order at 6:11 pm by Angelica.
  
- Attendance: Angelica Morales, Angelia Finley, Anna Ramos, Erin Sherman, Maria Pannala, Pallavi Goel, Arpana Dadhia, Naaila A. Sami, Afshan Qureshi, Dolon Gundoju, Charu Shiva, Elizabeth McDermott, Laura Najera, Nadine Skinner, Vidhya Venkatesan, Gabriela R. Frausto, Ayesha Saleem
  
- Quorum established.
  
- **Principal Report (Ms. Muceus)**
  - She is on temporary leave and will be back April 13<sup>th</sup>. Until then, send principal matters to Mr. Brogan.
  
- **President Report (Angelica Morales)**
  - Start thinking about budgets for next year.
  - The bike rack is here, per Laura.
  
- **Vice President Report (Laura Najera)**
  - FBEF Gala Basket Update: The basket we made sold for \$150. No baskets sold for a lot, and some had no bids. May want to reevaluate next year and do a certificate instead.
  - Nominating Committee Update: Naaila, Arpana, and Laura have gotten a lot of interest for next year's board. There are a lot of positions up for grabs. The committee will meet next week, and they will contact people to learn more about their backgrounds. Candidates will be presented at our last meeting (May 19- general election).
  - EOY PTO Dinner will be held after our last meeting. This is only for board members. It is paid for by the PTO. Laura will send out options for dates.

- **Treasurer Report (Amy Wang)**
  - Current bank balance is \$64,072.88.
  - Need to check some budget line items (ex: safety and wellness).
  
- **Secretary Report (Nadine Skinner)**
  - Erin made a motion to approve the February 2026 meeting minutes. Vidhya seconded the motion. All approved, and the motion passed.
  
- **VIPS Report (Charu Shiva and Liz McDermott)**
  - VIPS of the year is Anna Ramos.
  - VIPS of the month for February are Stephanie Butera, Monica Boyd, and Rachael Susaneck.
  - EHS is having a volunteer breakfast on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - We do not need to have a FBEF liaison position.
  - Please report volunteer hours using the designated reporting link.
  - FBEF News: The gala was a tremendous success, raising over \$497,000 to support FBISD schools, teachers, and students. Help spread the word about what's happening at the Foundation, in your campus newsletter. March drawing prize features two free entrees at La Madeleine, along with a Titanium Exterior Car Wash from Mister Car Wash.
    - Join us at the FBEF Auxiliary's Annual Spring Recruitment Luncheon on April 21<sup>st</sup>. RSVP by April 17<sup>th</sup> to [olivia.banos\\_fbef@fortbendis.gov](mailto:olivia.banos_fbef@fortbendis.gov).
    - FBEF's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual pickleball tournament is April 10<sup>th</sup>. Register today at <https://bit.ly/2026fbefpickleball>
    - AP Tutors offers summer tutorials, bootcamps, and exam preps: <https://myaptutors.com>
    - Get 20% off prom hair styles at Citrine Blow Bar: <https://www.citrineblowbar.com>
    - Shop American Furniture Warehouse to support FBEF: <https://www.afw.com>
  
- **Beautification Report (Vidhya Venkatesan and Tressy Garcia)**
  - Landscaping in front of school looks great. Custodians are watering the plants. No update yet on the sprinkler fix.
  - Will need a budget next year to help maintain the outside areas.
  - Laura had a suggestion of getting parent volunteers on Tuesdays (Pizza Day) to chaperone the courtyard during lunches.

- **Gift Report (Naaila Sami)**
  - No new request. Need to figure out how to spend the remaining funds.
  
- **Hospitality Report (Kim Remmert)**
  - April: AP appreciation (do a lunch for the Aps- maybe Jason's Deli or Potbelly) and STAAR Snacks
  - May: Teacher Appreciation Week event. Only ¼ of the teachers are PTO members. This year thinking about doing a gift card for the PTO members only. This may encourage teachers to become members next year.
  
- **Membership Report (Arpana Dadhia and Laila Tharani)**
  - All shirts were done with distribution done by Laura. Thank you!
  - Banners are up in the field.
  - They will both come back to the board next year.
  - Ideas for next year: Maybe basic members do not get a t-shirt.
  
- **Pizza Report (Maria Pannala)**
  - Sold out today. Have had 4 sales days since our last meeting (made \$2056 net income, not including 4<sup>th</sup> sale). Sales dipped slightly during Ramadan. There are 7 more pizza Tuesdays until the end of the semester.
  - We are no longer storing the bags in the PTO room; Ms. Shyla has agreed to keep them in her office for when Papa Johns comes to retrieve them at inconvenient times (closer to dismissal when no student aide is available).
  
- **Safety and Wellness (Ayesha Saleem)**
  - Upcoming Driving and Pedestrian Safety Awareness Booth on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:55 am to 12:35 pm in the commons.
  - Purpose of event: To increase student awareness of safe pedestrian practices and responsible teen driving behaviors, aligned with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and National Walking Day.
  - Event Components and Plan:
    - Safety Information Table
    - Community Partner Participation: Missouri City Police Department (Community Outreach and Traffic Unit) and Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office (Vehicular Crimes Division). Partners will engage students in brief conversations about safe driving, distracted driving risks, and pedestrian safety.

- Student “Road Safety Commitment Board”: Students will pledge to use crosswalks when available, stay alert while walking (no phones/headphones), drive attentively and avoid distractions. Students who sign the board will receive a small incentive (candy).
- Student Support Needed: Assistance in creating a large banner for the Road Safety Commitment Board, where students can sign (ask a club to help- like NAHS, PALS, Excel, or StuCo), Optional help with setup on the day of the event.
- Next Steps/Support Needed from PTO:
  - Identify student volunteers to help design and prepare the banner before the event.
  - Coordinate with campus staff for setup support, including tables, materials, and check-in procedures.
  - Assist in promoting the event among students to maximize participation. Ayesha will send info to Laura for the announcements and to the librarian for her to post on the library Schoology page.
- **Seniors Report (Anna Ramos)**
  - Senior Committee is ready to get the final event underway (May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 pm). The inflatable obstacle courses have been reserved and down payment has been paid. They have the photo booth and DJ lined up, but no invoice yet. Anna has reached out to security, but nothing final yet. Officer Juarez did say she would confirm the team of officers attending closer to the date. Anna is in communication with Mrs. Hasker about her thoughts on the final event. The committee will meet this Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, to start finalizing plans, thoughts, and tasks.
  - Food for event: At first considered a food truck. But a better suggestion is stations with food. Maybe have tickets for Kona Ice or an ice cream truck.
  - Considering gaming trucks. Would need 2.
  - PTO senior events are separate from school senior events. We do not contribute funding towards school events.
- **Shared Dreams Report (Dolon Gundoju)**
  - Spring Drive Recap: About 650 items were collected. The online donations were great. Takeaways include: do it in fall next year instead of spring, keep the event student driven and check in with students frequently, cans are more successful than hygiene donations, market event a lot.

- **Student Hospitality Report (Afshan Qureshi and Gabriela Frausto)**
  - Spring Photo Booth Fun event will be held during lunches on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They will do cookies at the event too (chocolate chip and m&m). Angelica suggested also doing a sugar cookie for those who don't like chocolate.
  
- **Sunshine Report (Pallavi Rungta Goel)**
  - Do the May event after teacher appreciation week. May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> were suggested.
  
- **Publicity/Website Report (Erin Sherman and Shefali Patel)**
  - Will add the new VIPs to the webpage and remove the shared dreams pop up. Will ask Sands about appropriate YES form for the website.
  
- **Other (Angelica Morales)**
  - Ms. Walker said we need to find another source of income other than pizza and shirts. We will need to look at fundraisers.
  - We only bring in a small amount of money from shirts each year.
  - We will not have our PTO room next school year.
  
- **Up Next**
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Safety Committee Event
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Class of 2027 Dodgeball Tournament
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup>: No school
  - April 6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>: AP appreciation week
  - April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>: STAAR/EOC testing
  - April 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>: Senior Week
  - April 21<sup>st</sup>: **PTO meeting**
  - April 25<sup>th</sup>: Senior Prom
  - April 30<sup>th</sup>: Junior/Senior Powder Puff
  - May 1<sup>st</sup>: Senior Trip
  - May 4<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>: AP exams
  - May 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Appreciation Week
  - May 15<sup>th</sup>: Senior Sunset
  - May 18<sup>th</sup>: Senior Brunch
  - May 19<sup>th</sup>: **PTO meeting**
  - May 20<sup>th</sup>: Student Hospitality Photo Booth Event
  - May 25<sup>th</sup>: No school (Memorial Day)
  - May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>: Early Release

- May 28<sup>th</sup>: Last day of school
  - June 1<sup>st</sup>: Graduation
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- Meeting adjourned by Angelica at 7:19 pm.