

# Elkins High School PTO

## Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023

- **Meeting** called to order by Angie Korger at 7:15 pm.
  
- **Members Present:** Courtney Muceus, Rachel Zetino, Angelica Morales, Nadine Skinner, Roxane Johnson, Laura Najera, Kimberly Remmert, Angie Korger, Kim Bradby, Ana Apolina
  
- **Assistant Principal Report (Dr. Brown- via email)**
  - Reach out to Mr. Schultz for information and attendance at the Open House.
  - Admin has heard about the apartments. They have no information or details.
  - They loved the AP appreciation.
  - The benches are amazing and the AED for the press box would be great.
  - Senior Sunset is May 19<sup>th</sup> at EHS. They would like to set up a time to collaborate.
  
- **Special Guest- Courtney Muceus, EHS Principal 2023-2024**
  - She is the current principal at FCMS.
  - 60% of FCMS students go to EHS.
  - She will start a transition plan when the new principal for FMCS is named.
  - She will likely be at EHS part time in June.
  - We appreciate her coming to the meeting tonight!
  
- **Secretary Report (Nadine Skinner)**
  - Angelica made a motion to approve the March 2023 minutes. Kim Remmert seconded the motion. All approved, and the motion passed.
  
- **President Report (Angie Korger)**
  - May 4<sup>th</sup> will be the VIPS appreciation luncheon at EHS. Pass this information on to your boosters or volunteers. RSVP will be coming.
  
- **Vice President Report (Angelica Morales)**
  - Nominating Committee: There are very few vacancies.
    - Safety: Maybe call it Health & Safety instead. Possibly roll up the current FCMS Health & Safety chair.
    - Beautification: There is a candidate from FSMS. Naaila will contact her.

- Senior Committee: Ana may be interested in leading. She already spoke to Dr. Brown about the role of the committee. Trina is also interested in being a co-chair.
  - Some other people have shown an interest in the board, but we already have a lot of co-chairs. We only need elections for the executive board. We need a month's notice if we are to have elections; they would be at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - We need to be deeper in the committees, so chairs don't have to do all the work alone.
  - We could possibly bring back the newsletter chair or put it as a secretary responsibility.
  - Friday Night Lights and Homecoming committees could fall under VIPS because they are activities that need volunteers.
- Fort Bend Education Foundation member meeting postponed until the fall. The purpose is to promote awareness about the foundation.
- **Treasurer Report (Rachel Zetino)**
  - We are \$17k ahead of budget in terms of revenue coming in.
- **Safety Report (Kali Shiller)**
  - Angie picked up packages of signs and A-frames today. Ms. Ward will get them installed.
  - Kali purchased \$10 gift cards to award student drivers who can answer traffic questions.
  - The Bond is coming up for a vote in May. There are many safety components including security cameras, rhino locks, police vehicles, emergency notification system, lighting, sidewalk repairs, notification on buses, seatbelts on long-range buses, and more.
  - Apartment update from Angelica: She has been posting online. This is on track for a vote on April 17<sup>th</sup>. She has heard that the best way to comment is to contact Anthony Maroulis. The school can't take a position on the issue, and we can't post in the school newsletter. A form will be sent 72 hours before the meeting if you want to speak at the meeting. We are also anticipating increased traffic when the elementary school opens in the fall.
- **Pizza Sales Report (Kim Brown)**
  - May 11<sup>th</sup> is the last day for pizza sales. We will need volunteers from 10:45 am to 1 pm. Ana said she would volunteer.
- **Social Media Report (Angelica Morales)**

- Let Angelica know what to post.
- **Beautification Report (Angie Korger)**
  - Benches at the front of the school have been installed. Angie is working with the vendor because one has a hole, and there are a few scratches in the benches. They are sending some touch up paint.
  - We may want to consider replacing the benches at the bus ramp because they are in bad shape.
  - We saw a student's bike locked to a bench in the front of the school. We don't have a bike rack in the front of the school. Admin can tell us if we can have a bike rack in the front. There is a bike rack back by the softball field.
  - Other places that we could use benches: by the field house and fine arts wing.
  - What is the life span of the benches we purchased?
- **Membership Report (Kim Bradby)**
  - We need to figure out an online platform for next year. Possibly move away from Woofoo and invest in something more user friendly. Kim said she would need a vote and support from the PTO. Angie told Kim to get preliminary numbers and we would build it into the budget.
  - Rachel said that we want to set a time frame to join and a predetermined date for delivery.
- **Shared Dreams Report (Roxane Johnson)**
  - She has \$1250 available in her budget.
  - She delivered the items to shared dreams from the drive. She did not get feminine products, toothbrushes, or toothpaste.
  - In the past, Bobbie has asked for money for teacher appreciation for the Ferndell Henry Center and for MR Wood. Roxane will ask her if she still does that, and she will ask her what donations she still needs. It was suggested that Bobbie may be able to get a discounted rate on purchases, so it may be better to just give a check to Bobbie instead of purchasing items.
  - Child Abuse Prevention Month: We are not competing but still celebrating the month. Windmills have been ordered. Still need permission to decorate with ribbons. Still need permission from Mr. Campbell. She will follow up again.
- **Senior Committee Report (Angie Korger)**
  - There are 270 seniors going on the senior class trip. 20-25 teachers are also going. Some parent chaperones are also going. They will be doing all the events. Pizza money is helping pay for this.
  - They are working on Senior Sunset which will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Waiting on an estimate for breakfast from Chick Fil A before graduation practice.

- **Hospitality (Kim Remmert)**
  - April 5<sup>th</sup>: Assistant Principal appreciation. Gave out tumblers and gift cards. Spent \$150 on gift cards.
  - Teacher Appreciation Day is on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Need volunteers. The theme will be Cinco de Mayo. Will be doing a nacho bar. Sign up for drinks and desserts.
  - Only \$1484 left in budget. Mr. Campbell asked for snacks and water during 2 weeks of testing. Did a sign-up genius. Estimate we will have to spend about \$200. We will do an edible arrangement for School Principal's Day for Ms. Ward (cost about \$50). Mr. Brown also asked for snacks and water during tutorials for the STAAR algebra test (\$119 each testing session).
  - We need more money for hospitality for the end-of-year hospitality needs. Angelica made a motion to move \$2000 out of the teacher gifting fund for end of year hospitality needs. Kim Remmert seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion passed.
  - At the budget planning meeting, we need to increase the budget for hospitality because the cost of food is increasing.
  
- **YES Report (Naaila Sami)**
  - There is a deadline for seniors to get all their hours in.
  
- **Unfinished Business (Angie Korger)**
  - We are trying to buy nice tablecloths for events. Ms. Turner called Angie about it. We want a constant message so anyone can use them. We want to order them for next year. FCMS has a vendor they use. Ms. Muceus will give that contact to Ms. Turner.
  - AED for the press box: Angelica said they are all on back order. She will keep us posted. June Tomlin said that the school replaces the pads.
  
- **New Business (Angie Korger)**
  - Angie contacted Mr. Reyes about helping with the yearbook. He said the deadline for ads is April 15<sup>th</sup>. He asked us to help get the word out. He will be doing summer pick up of the yearbook.
  - Kim Bradby still wants to do something nice for the students, like a cool treat. Will contact catering from the cafeteria and see what options there are.
  
- **Next meeting** is on May 10, 2023.
  
- **Meeting** adjourned by Angie Korger at 8:48 pm.

- **Minutes** respectfully taken by Nadine Skinner, Secretary.