

Elkins HS PTO Meeting  
Elkins High School, Missouri City, TX  
Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2025

- Meeting called to order by Angelica at 6 pm.
- **Attendance:** Naaila Sami, Dolon Gundaju, Pallavi Goel, Angelica Morales, Laura Najera, Amy Wang, Nadine Skinner, Sana Malik, Arpana Dadhia, Erin Sherman, Vidhya Venkatesan, Afshan Qureshi
- **President Report (Angelica Morales)**
  - Concern about construction of shopping center in front of EHS
- **Vice President Report (Laura Najera)**
  - FBEF Gala Basket coming up
- **Treasurer Report (Amy Wang)**
  - Amazon Prime account free for 30 days, then will activate membership
  - Passed out YTD Budget Report as of 12/16/25.
- **Secretary Report (Nadine Skinner)**
  - November 2025 meeting minutes were approved.
- **Beautification Report (Vidhya Venkatesan and Tressy Garcia)**
  - Courtyard has been cleaned up by FBISD work order and a student project to power wash. Need to ask admin when kids will be using this space for lunches.
  - Front yard beautification will be done in the spring so plants and flowers don't die in the winter. Will use all of our budget for this.
  - Decided not to do project to improve alcoves near the front double doors since students use this area after school to wait for rides and to stay out of the rain.
  - Please let the team know if anyone has any other beautification ideas.
- **Gifting Report (Naaila Sami)**

- No new teacher or club requests.
- Amnesty International receipts received.
  
- **Hospitality Report (Michelle Quinteros)**
  - December event was cozy socks in mailboxes on 12/11.
  - No January event.
  
- **Membership Report (Arpana Dadhia and Laila Tharani)**
  - Spirit wear has been delivered, but there are still items to be picked up.
  - Membership banner is printing.
  
- **Pizza Report (Maria Pannala and Brandi Downey)**
  - We had 2 pizza sales since our last meeting and made \$1686 net, for a total of over \$12,000 this semester. There won't be any sales during finals week, and we will resume on January 13, 2026. Amy will cover for sales because Maria will be overseas.
  
- **Safety and Wellness Report (Ayesha Saleem)**
  - Pedestrian Safety: She has been communicating with Mayor Elackatt regarding the ongoing pedestrian safety concerns and has spoken to him in person. She sent him a detailed report outlining the issues identified during the traffic audit conducted by Citizens for Road Safety and from the audit Ayesha conducted. She followed up again today, requesting an update and asking the city to conduct an in-person site visit during morning drop off to observe the conditions firsthand. She has not received a response.
  - Waiting on front of school safety signage because Mr. Pike is not returning.
  - Spring 2026 event proposal: Proposing a Driving and Pedestrian Safety Awareness Booth for April 2026, aligned with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and National Walking Day (first Wednesday of April). Event would be held during lunch and would include participation from the MCTX PD Traffic Unit and Citizens for Road Safety. We would set up a safety information table and a student "Road Safety Commitment Board," where students can pledge to safety walking and responsible driving habits. Need PTO feedback on moving forward and guidance on selecting a specific date.
  - Reached out to the American Heart Association representative, Ashley Avalos, regarding student partnership opportunities. There was initial confusion with the Math & Science Academy, but it has been clarified that the Engineering Academy will be collaborating with AHA this year.

- **Seniors Report (Anna Ramos)**
  - No events coming up. She will meet with Ms. Hasker in January to discuss the Senior Field Day/Sunset in January.
  - We do not provide breakfast for the senior trip.
  - She will need to know what yard sign is needed for the seniors at the beginning of the year.
  
- **Shared Dreams Report (Dolon Gundoju)**
  - Spring Event
  
- **Student Hospitality Report (Afshan Qureshi and Gabriela Frausto)**
  - Our upcoming event has been approved by the Principal for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Based on the great success of our previous event, the principal has approved another photo booth event, as students truly enjoyed the experience. Our committee is currently working on the planning and setup for the photo booth. We are also exploring the possibility of adding boba drinks to the event, depending on budget approval. We are excited to move forward and look forward to creating another fun and memorable experience for our students.
  
- **Sunshine Report (Pallavi Rungta Goel)**
  - She is delivering birthday gifts on December 16. It includes birthdays from August to December. She had sent an email to Ms. Brown last week to include it in the teacher newsletter so that they know to pick it up from the teachers' lounge. She will be sending something out in the morning. Thank you to Laura and Amy for all their help.
  
- **Publicity/Website Report (Erin Sherman and Shefali Patel)**
  - Newsletter deadline is Tuesday.
  - Need sponsors on Membership Toolkit.
  - VIPS of the month and gifting updated pics need to be added to webpage.
  - Add FBEF posts.
  - Logos from sponsors for webpage and social media-sports booster did a great video of theirs.
  
- **VIPS Report (Charu Shiva and Liz McDermott)**
  - VIPS of the month for November 2025 is Arpana Dadhia.
  - VIPS of the month booster club for November 2025 is Christine Hall.

- When you share FBEF news, your name will be entered into their monthly drawing. Next month's prize will be 2 tickets to the annual FBEF Gaa on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This event is such a fun evening of food, friends, and lots of auction items to win. Share FBEF news via campus newsletters, emails, and social media. To ensure FBEF receives the EHS newsletter, add [Olivia.Banos\\_FBEF@fortbendisd.gov](mailto:Olivia.Banos_FBEF@fortbendisd.gov) to the distribution list. If you're posting on our website or social media, simply send Ms. Banos an email or a screenshot.
- Help fill the gap and fuel the future for students in need of everyday essentials. Donate at <https://bit.ly/4pmOZrD>
- Invest in our students and empower our teachers. Support the FBEF's Annual Giving Campaign at <https://bit.ly/FBEF/AnnualGiving25>
- Sponsorship opportunities available for FBEF's "Hollywood Nights: Where Glamour Meets Giving Under the Spotlight" Gala. View sponsorship packets at <https://bit.ly/2026Gala>
- Use code FB25 for discounted tickets to the Sugar Land Holiday Lights. Get tickets at <https://www.SugarLandHolidayLights.com>
- Save up to 20% on Nutcracker tickets with code BEND. Tickets and details at <https://www.smartfinancialcentre.net/events/nutcracker-magical-christmas-ballet/>
- AP Tutors offers bootcamps for AP/SAT Exams and Academic Tutorials. Learn more at <https://myaptutors.com>
- Use code FBEF20 for 20% off any blowout or hair product from <https://www.citrineblowbar.com>

- **Up Next**

- 12/18-19 Early Release
- 12/22-1/7/2026 Winter Break
- 1/8/2026 Back to School
- 1/19 No School
- 1/20 PTO Meeting

- Meeting adjourned by Angelica at 6:59 pm.