

Elkins HS PTO Meeting

Elkins High School, Missouri City, TX

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026

- Meeting called to order by Angelica at 6:08 pm.

- **Attendance:** Sapna Badoo, Afshan Qureshi, Naaila Sami, Maria Pannala, Nadine Skinner, Angelica Morales, Anna Ramos, Angelia Finley, Elizabeth McDermott, Charu Shiva, Ayesha Saleem, Dolon Gundoju, Gabriela R. Frausto, Sana Malk, Deepali Agrawal, Monica Shah, Apryl Sherrod, Divya Varkey, Christal Workman, Laura Najera

- **Principal Report (Ms. Muceus)**
 - 28 days left of school.
 - Finishing up EOC today (Algebra I). Will do make up exams this week with the hope to be finished by Friday.
 - Friday is the VIPS Breakfast in the library at 8 am.
 - Senior Week is this week, prom is Saturday, Powderpuff game and senior trip are next week, and Senior Sunset is May 15th.
 - AP exams start May 4th. We have the 2nd highest number of exams in the district. Mr. Williams and Mr. Karam are working on details.
 - EHS is getting all new furniture this summer. There was a meeting this week and another meeting will be on May 7th. Teachers need to pack up everything to take home. There will be a lot of activity on campus in June with the new furniture. Will be starting on May 29th, and they hope to be done by July 4th.
 - There was a job fair a few weeks ago, and we hired two new teachers (English and Math) to replace Ms. Franklin and Mr. Thornton. There are a few teachers retiring; some interviews have been held.
 - AP vacancy: Dr. Brown left in February. Want to hire someone with experience. Mr. Burton is subbing now. The position will be posted again this week, and the new AP will start in July. This AP will have the A-C split and will supervise the English department.
 - Cavalry: Date is July 28th. Working on a flyer for the middle school. Over 100 EHS students wanted to be cavalry mentors. There will be morning and afternoon sessions.

- No date for Knight Fest yet. Still waiting on final football schedule.
 - We will be able to keep our PTO room next year. Ms. Muceus will make sure that no furniture is touched in that room.
 - Students are missing laptop chargers. What do parents or students do? How do they file a claim? The school has been out of chargers on campus since last semester. Ms. Muceus will look into this and get us an answer.
- **President Report (Angelica Morales)**
 - Everyone needs to check their balances in the budget and start thinking about next year.
 - Kudos to the pizza crew for making last minute adjustments for pizza sales lunch schedule change during EOC testing.
 - VIPS Appreciation Breakfast is Friday, April 24th at 8 am.
 - Met with Mr. Karam and Mr. Bennett to share the purpose/vision/mission of PTO Senior Committee. Students plan to attend our May meeting.
 - Angelica met with the Austin HS PTO President. They are trying to revive the PTO. Their only fundraiser is a cash ask. They are brainstorming YES hour ideas.
 - We need to remove our YES info from our website. Maybe put a note under the YES tab redirecting to Schoolinks.
- **Vice President Report (Laura Najera)**
 - Nominating committee met online. They reached out to interested people.
 - The new board and current board need to come to our May meeting.
 - Committee chairs can choose a vice chair if they want.
 - We will vote for the executive board at the May meeting.
 - PTO board dinner will be held on May 21st at Local Table at 6:30 pm. Laura will send an invitation.
- **Treasurer Report (Amy Wang)**
 - Bank balance is \$67,608.30.
 - Sam's Club membership has gone up.
 - Parent company match request was not completed. Please let PTO know if you have a company match ASAP so we can get the paperwork in.
- **Secretary Report (Nadine Skinner)**
 - Nadine will send the updated March minutes to the PTO board.
 - Motion to approve the minutes made by Ayesha. Seconded by Naaila. All approved, and the motion passed.

- **Beautification Report (Vidhya Venkatesan and Tressy Garcia)**
 - No report.

- **Gifting Report (Naaila Sami)**
 - Mr. Davis requested funds for a pottery wheel. He is waiting to hear back from a grant, but would still need \$2000 for a new pottery wheel. He found a used one on Facebook marketplace. He needs to become a member to get teacher gifting, and he needs to contact Naaila.

- **Hospitality Report (Kim Remmert)**
 - April was AP appreciation. We got lunch from Local Table.
 - May is Teacher Appreciation Week. We are giving our teacher members a \$20 gift card. Laura made a motion to move \$1320 from teacher gifting to teacher/staff hospitality to pay for the gift cards. Ayesha seconded the motion. All approved, and the motion passed.
 - The school did not ask us for STAAR snacks.

- **Membership Report (Arpana Dadhia and Laila Tharani)**
 - For next fall- start online membership drive on Cavalry date (7/28)?

- **Pizza Report (Maria Pannala)**
 - We made \$2700 net in the last 4 weeks, which included 2 days of STAAR testing that resulted in fewer purchases with juniors and seniors having a late start.
 - Admins changing the lunch schedule on short notice last Tuesday caused unnecessary chaos and frustration as students lined up for lunch but neither the volunteers nor the pizza were ready yet. Everyone in the pizza team did a great job adapting and hustling to get the kids fed.
 - There are 3 pizza Tuesdays left after today.
 - We sold out of pizza today.
 - Do not anticipate AP testing affecting pizza sales. Will need to know the lunch schedule.

- **Safety and Wellness Report (Ayesha Saleem)**
 - The Safety and Wellness Committee hosted a Driving and Pedestrian Safety Awareness Booth during lunch periods on Thursday, April 2, 2026, in recognition of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. This initiative was designed to educate students on safe driving habits and responsible pedestrian behavior.

- We were honored to have Shannon Nash from FBISD SHAC join us, along with representatives from the Missouri City Police Department's Community Outreach and Traffic Unit, who provided practical guidance and resources for our students. Officer Paxton also delivered a PowerPoint presentation titled "Drive Focused, Drive Smart, Get Home Safely." This presentation is available for us to use throughout the month as part of the school's distracted driving awareness programming.
 - The Elkins Excel Club played an active role in this event. Three students- Aamna Azeem, Kaitlyn Johns, and Madison Null- designed and created the event banner. Students who took the pledge to put down their phones while driving, keep their eyes on the road, use crosswalks, and stay alert while walking signed the banner and received a small incentive. Sachi Amin also represented the Excel Club at the booth, engaging with students and reinforcing safety practices for both drivers and pedestrians.
 - Remaining Budget: We currently have a little under \$500 left in Safety and Wellness. National School Nurse Day is on May 6th, and we can allocate a portion of these funds towards a small appreciation gesture for our school nurse. Open to other ideas for remaining funds. Suggestions: parking attendant/student incentives.
- **Senior Report (Anna Ramos)**
 - Field Day/Senior Sunset is May 15th. Will have a meeting on May 2nd to finalize plans.
 - Ms. Hasker has asked how to incorporate SPED students into sunset. Have not gotten any response from SPED yet. Angie will find out who in the district can provide advice. SPED students can come with a parent or an aide to the event. Ms. Hasker was considering a separate area for these students.
 - Elementary walk date is not finalized yet. Want to do all elementary schools on the same day. Everything else is ready to go.
- **Shared Dreams Report (Dolon Gundoju)**
 - May team up with Safety and Wellness to use leftover funds.
 - Opportunity for EHS Parents and Guardians: Volunteers are welcome to come to Shared Dreams on Tuesday, April 28th from 10 am to 1 pm. Depending on current needs, activities may include: sorting clothing donations, assembling food boxes, preparing toiletry kits, and/or packaging new socks and underwear. It is recommended to wear comfortable shoes, as some activities may involve walking or bending. Everyone must have a completed background check.

- There will be a blurb about the volunteer event in this Sunday's parent newsletter. Charu will do a sign up from VIPS. Looking for at least 10-12 volunteers.
- **Student Hospitality Report (Afshan Qureshi and Gabriela Frausto)**
 - Spring Photo Booth Fun even will be on May 20th. There will be 4 photo booths with different themes.
 - Gabriela will send out a sign-up genius and will send a blurb to Laura for the announcements.
- **Sunshine Report (Pallavi Rungta Goel)**
 - Spring event on May 19th for second semester birthdays. Will do a cup with candy again.
- **Publicity and Website Report (Erin Sherman and Shefali Patel)**
 - Newsletter deadline is Tuesday.
 - Membership Toolkit for announcements? Need sponsors on there.
 - VIPS of the Month and gifting updated pics need to be added to webpage.
 - Logos from sponsors need to be on webpage and social media.
 - Will remove YES info from our webpage.
- **VIPS Report (Charu Shiva and Liz McDermott)**
 - VIP of the Year: Anna Ramos. Congratulations
 - VIPS of the month for March: Afshan Qureshi and Zehra Mehdi. VIPS of the month will be recognized in EHS Herald, Facebook, Instagram, and PTO page.
 - Please remember to report volunteer hours using the designated reporting link.
 - The 10th of the month is a date that was chosen to encourage everyone to submit their hours by that date.
 - Off campus volunteer hours should be submitted for the month the hours were incurred.
 - Submitting off campus volunteer hours at any time is always welcome, even if it is 3-4 months later.
 - The goal is to have each month submitted with the total hours for that month which would be the hours worked for that month.
 - Hours worked in January but submitted in April would be January Hours = ## hours.
 - Will use remaining VIPS funds (about \$450) to pay for PTO board dinner.

- **New Business**

- We need to have a budget meeting for next month.
- Engineering academy for next school year: 123 students coming of which 63 are zoned to Elkins.

- **Up Next**

- April 25th: Senior Prom
- April 29th: EHS signing day for athletes
- April 30th: Junior/Senior Powderpuff
- May 1st: Senior Trip
- May 4th- 15th: AP Exams
- May 4th- 8th: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 12th: Senior Awards Ceremony
- May 15th: Senior Sunset
- May 18th: Senior Brunch
- May 19th: PTO Meeting
- May 20th: Student Hospitality Photo Booth event
- May 25th: No School
- May 27th and 28th: Early Release
- May 28th: Last Day of School
- June 1st: Elkins Graduation

- Meeting adjourned by Angelica at 7:27 pm.