

Elkins HS PTO Meeting
Elkins High School, Missouri City TX
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2025

- Meeting called to order by Nadine Skinner at 6:33pm.
- Welcome/Members in attendance: Nadine Skinner, Arpana Dadhia, Angelica Morales, Ana Apolinar, Courtney Muceus, Brandi Wade, Beza Tsegaye, Sana Malik, Charu Shiva, Laura Najera, Amy Wang, Bhavna Bindal, Erin Sherman, Maria Pannala, Ayesha Saleem, Vydhya Venkatesan, Afshan Qureshi, Laila Dawoodani
- Parliamentarian- Sana Malik (not present)
 - Quorum reached
 - Approval of February and March Minutes: Bhavna makes the motion to approve, Maria seconds, all in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passes.
- Principal Report- Mrs. Muceus
Celebrations: 29 days left of school
 - Over \$13 Million in scholarships reported so far for seniors
 - 7 National Merit Scholarship finalists
 - 17 Student-Athletes signing later this month
 - Baseball, Softball, Track, and Tennis are still competing. Girls Flag Football (new) played its first game and beat CHS. Houston Texans grant for program and coaching stipends
 - Esports team started and will compete in tournaments (at least one before the end of the year) which will eventually become a UIL sport. Mrs Colber is sponsoring
 - Fine Arts are in the UIL season. So far all ensembles who have competed have received straight ONES on their performances and sight reading
 - Reserve Grand Champion- Rodeo Art- painting sold for \$200K
 - Val and Sal and Honor Graduates will be announced soon.
 - Welcoming 124 new students into Engineering Academy later this week. 44 of them are zoned to EHS
 - Bond has EHS listed for a kitchen renovation and 2 more projects

Current Enrollment:

- 9th- 742
- 10th- 710
- 11th- 685
- 12th- 693

- Total- 2830

Staffing: 800+ incoming freshmen projected

- 3 new teaching positions (English, Social Studies, Science)
- 2 new portable buildings = 4 additional classrooms
- Productive and successful job fair- hired 3 people already
- Mr. Campbell is working on a Master Schedule to see where the needs are and if we need to request more staffing. Will know more by May.

Cavalry-

- 134 students applied to be Cavalry Mentors. 114 accepted. 34 of them are returning and will be group leaders.
- Planning is underway. Training for mentors coming soon
- Date- July 29, 2025 (day for students; online parent meeting that night-virtual)
- More information is coming soon.

Testing

- 3/5 EOC tests completed
- AP Testing starts May 5
- TSIA 2 Testing for Juniors who are not CCMR ready will be May 19- this will help with off period requirements, about 300 juniors eligible
- Exam Schedule- Different this year. Seniors test first

Upcoming:

- Senior Week next week
- Powder Puff on 4/24
- Senior prom on 4/26
- Senior trip on 5/2
- Senior Sunset on 5/9
- Senior Awards on 5/13
- Graduation on 5/31- students and staff will be bussed to the EpiCenter this year
- President Report- Nadine Skinner
 - Revisit purchase of EHS Mascot: new quote from new company. Last mascot has been returned as the sizing was off and it was not what was expected. Waiting on refund. ShopMascot was the company used and it was NOT recommended to order from them again. New company is Looney Times, an American company that creates custom mascot costumes. We will share expenses with All-Sports Booster. Mascot cost is about \$6,000. Amount requested is \$2179.32 which will

come from the Project Fund budget line. Angelica makes the motion to approve, Laura 2nd the motion. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passes.

- Reminder: EHS VIPS Celebration is Tuesday April 22nd at 8:30am in the library. Email Pamela Turner if you wish to attend.
- PTO Room is now in the old theatre director's office in the courtyard. Thank you to everyone who came to help with the mover earlier this month.
- Nadine has asked for photos of teacher/student club gifts for our website, per Erin's request.
- Vice President Report- Laura Najera
 - Update on board elections from the nominating committee (Laura, Bhavna, and Afshan). All positions are mostly covered, beautification looking for a vice-chair to help with courtyard upkeep. Commitment to the board is imperative because we have some committees this year that have not spent any of their budget or hosted events.
 - Coming up: PTO Dinner and General Meeting, information will be sent out
- Treasurer Report- Amy Wang
 - Balance is \$60,753.48
 - Still need to pay for principal's gift card and La Escondida Nacho Bar for Teacher Appreciation week
- Secretary- Angelica Morales
 - Nothing to report
- Senior Committee- Sandy Li (not present)
 - Four donations have come in so far for senior sunset totaling \$370
 - Senior Field Day recap: color run was a success, games were donated by CWE, do not recommend having a food truck next year, KONA ice was there for \$5 per sno cone that kids paid for on their own, DJ, 400 bags of color powder were donated, about 300 kids attended.
 - Donated left over chips to senior trip, which has about 200 kids signed up
 - Senior Sunset is May 9th. Pizza will be from Center Court, 2 photo booths, inflatable, sign up genius has been posted
- Gifting- Naaila Sami (not present)
 - \$475.25 left in gifting budget
 - Vote on Student Club Grant from Muslim Student Association: Dr. Arvidson made the request for \$150 to pay for the deposit for their banquet which will be a joint banquet with other schools. Bhavna makes the motion to approve, Vhydia 2nds, all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passes.
- VIPS- Charu Shiva and Nakia Allen

- VIPS of the month is Gopi Whadhwa
 - VIPS of the Year is Maria Pannala- Congratulations!
 - Please report your volunteer hours.

- Membership- Arpana Dadhia and Laila Tharani
 - Nothing to report

- Pizza- Bhavna Bindal and Maria Pannala
 - 4 pizza sales from 3/18-4/8. Net sales total, not counting supply expenses is \$3124.12

- Hospitality- Michelle Quinteros (not present)
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9th.
 - PTO will be hosting a Teacher Fiesta Luncheon (Nacho Bar) on Wednesday May 7th, a sign up is coming.
 - \$25 gift cards were given out for AP Appreciation Week
 - STAAR snacks were provided for the teachers

- Social Media and Website- Erin Sherman and Shefali Patel
 - Nothing to report

- Beautification- Beza Tsegaye
 - Will contact Lourdes to see if there are any needs

- Shared Dreams- Dolon Gundaju (Not present)
 - Nothing to report
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- Safety- Ayesha Saleem
 - SHAC February meeting discussed school start times. April is Autism Awareness and Child Abuse Awareness month, May has Nurse Appreciation day, bike to school day, and is Mental Health month
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- YES Program- Vydhy Venkatesan
 - Program is now all online

- Student Hospitality and Advocacy- Afshan Qureshi
 - Ice Cream Day will be May 19th during all lunches. Ordering 2448 pieces (last year we ordered 1968). Discussed lowering amount as we had A LOT left over last year.

- Sunshine- Jyoti Sardana (not present)
 - No report

- Questions/Comments/Concerns:
 - Shared Dreams has money in the budget- may want to consider what needs the Nurse has? Pants?
 - Budget planning for next year will begin soon. Let Nadine and Amy know if you need more or less for your committee and let them know why.
- Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30pm in the library. Elections and General Meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm