

Elliott Ranch Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Vice-President

Quorum met

Minutes

- November minutes posted online at <u>elliottranchpto.com</u>
 - Motion to pass the minutes
 - Seconded and passed unanimous

Financial report

- Need to increase the expenses for Harvest Festival
 - o Income is \$8000, expenses is \$5200
 - Made more than expected
 - Expect \$1000 more in expenses from teacher reimbursements
 - Teacher made over \$3000 from game booths
 - booth income goes towards their classroom expenses
 - Motion to increase Harvest Festival expenses budget line by \$1000
 - Seconded and passed unanimous
- Need to increase expenses for Office Supplies budget line
 - PTO purchased 10 tables for Harvest Festival
 - District no longer allows MP tables to be used outside
 - Cost about \$500, the amount in Office Supplies
 - Also need to purchase a cash counting machine
 - Cost approx \$75
 - Motion to increase Office Supplies student line from \$500 to \$650
 - Seconded and passed unanimous
- Budget discussion
 - Is not currently balanced, only has to be balanced at the beginning of the year
 - Can balance by updating budget projections
 - Have overestimate of expenses in Rocket Run
 - Currently \$9500 because paid an outdoor vendor
 - Last year put on by PTO and had low expenses
 - Also already bought everything we need
 - In the future may lower Rocket Run budget expense by \$1150 to \$8350
 - Tile Painting fundraiser is also expected to bring in income with very little expense



Principals Update

- Blue Ribbon
 - District meeting had a great ER turn out
 - o Blue Ribbon is a big deal, sets us apart from other schools
- President worked really hard to get ahold of the mayor to get recognized on the behalf of California
- District and City and state recognized Elliott Ranch
- 3 weeks till christmas break
- Basketball started
 - Tryouts Tuesday 12/2 for boys, Wednesday 12/3 for girls
 - Basketball jerseys are too small for some of the players
 - PTO bought jerseys in the past
 - Last year did shirts that the players got to keep
 - Vice-president can make the jerseys
 - Use the funds out of Sport Boosters line item
 - Make/obtain over winter break
- Treat trolley
 - Mrs VanHousen and Mr Alessi take hot chocolate and cookies to every staff member on campus

Events Recap

- District volunteer recognition for Vice-President Karyssa
 - Passionate about volunteering
 - Got involved with the school and made a lot of friends
 - Not everyone has a happy home life
 - School events give everyone a happy school experience
 - Bigger picture of loving school and having a good positive attitude towards education
 - Appreciate everyone's support

Upcoming Events

- Donuts with Santa Toy Drive
 - Friday 12/19 from 7:15-8:15 in the MP Room
 - Donate an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots, in partnership with the Elk Grove Police
 - Come take pictures with Santa, the police and at the picture stations
 - Event prep:
 - Decorations:
 - Still need lights and extension cords
 - Set up decorations before the Winter Concert on Wednesday 12/10 and EXL Talent Show on Friday 12/12



- Talk to EXL about doing the tree
- Tentative plan to decorate Monday 12/8 after school
- Need event volunteers. Four shifts:
 - Night before: Thursday 12/18
 - 4-5pm decorate
 - Morning of: Friday 12/19
 - o 7:10-7:40am pictures, serving & toys
 - 7:40-8:15am pictures, serving & toys
 - o 8:15-8:45am clean-up
 - Make a sign-up Genius and send out flier with QR code by Friday 12/12
 - Volunteer sign-up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CAAA822A6F4C43-609
 76672-donuts
- Food:
 - 50 dozen donuts
 - Do mini-water bottles instead of juice

Winter Holiday Teacher and Staff Gift

- Making a student-colored card with gift cards
 - Art docents help get it colored
 - Liaisons collect gift cards
 - Ms Brandy in the office will have a file folder to collect gift cards
 - Better to do it through the liaison
 - Best participation is Apple, Venmo, etc, digital donation with the PTO buying the gift card
 - Gift cards and cards with gift cards in them should stay in the care of an adult
 - If the liaison cannot give the completed card to the teacher they can hand it off to the coordinators
 - Not every class has a docent or liaison
 - Special needs classrooms especially need help with the holiday card

Spring Fling

Taking place May 1st

Rocket Run

Date TBD

Dine & Donate

- This Thursday 12/4 @ The Old Spagnetti Factory
 - Need flier before put on digital marquee



- Go out on TalkingPoints tomorrow
- Previous Dine and Donates
 - o Somi-somi didn't meet the minimum
 - Ginza only made \$34.80
- Year to date total is \$252 so far
 - Last year Dine & Donate made a lot from Chuck E Cheese
 - Gave a generous cut of nights income, now only from ER
 - Did one a month and now do two for the academic year
 - One during 2025 and one during 2026

Big Project

- Three options being considered:
 - New Stage Equipment
 - School clean refresh
 - New track/turf
- Discussion:
 - District is in the process of revamping ER
 - New stage curtain and facility improvements are already approved
 - Details can be found Elk Grove Unified School District 2025 Facilities Master Plan: elkgrovefmp.net
 - ER facility information is under the Cosumnes Oaks High School Region
 - Questions or comments can be directed to the Area 4 Trustee:
 Delia Baulwin, dbaulwin@equsd.net
 - Track:
 - Divots on the track are dangerous
 - Many students twist ankles
 - Someone fell at Running for Rhett earlier that day
 - Consider putting in synthetic track
 - PTO can fill the holes while fundraising for synthetic track

Next meeting Tuesday 1/6 @6pm in the Library

Meeting adjourned @7:03pm

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- Teacher Holiday Gift: If you would like to contribute to the winter holiday gift for your child/ren's teacher please contact the classroom liaison
 - If the class does not have a liaison and you are interested in coordinating the gift, please contact <u>vicepresident@elliottranchpto.com</u> by Wednesday 12/10
 - In the event your child/ren's class does not have a liaison by 12/10, teacher gifts can be dropped off with Ms Brandy at the front office starting Friday 12/12
 - To contribute to gifts towards our Elliott Ranch staff contact vicepresident@elliottranchpto.com
- Teachers made over \$3000 from game booths at Harvest Festival
- PTO to provide new school jerseys for the boys and girls basketball teams
- Spring Fling is taking place May 1st
 - If you are interested in helping please contact secretary@elliottranchpto.com
- Tile Painting to take place at Open House in the spring
- Rocket Run date TBD in the spring
- PTO Big Gift for 2025-26 TBD
 - Considering enhancing the track around the field
 - Holes and washed out areas can be hazardous to run on
 - PTO can fill the holes while fundraising for synthetic track
- Next Meeting: Tuesday 1/6 @6pm in the Library. Everyone is Welcome!