



Elliott Ranch Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Meeting
Minutes
Thursday January 9, 2025, 6-7pm
Elliott Ranch Library

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by president
Quorum met

Minutes

- Posted online two weeks ago
- Motion to pass minutes
Seconded and approved

Treasurer Report

- Difficulty with Google Docs so hand corrected
- Changes
 - Tax filing came out to \$675, up \$50 from last year
 - Staff Appreciation Income
 - Table for later
- Harvest Festival numbers are final
 - Teachers done collecting money for games
- Motion to approve the financial report
 - Seconded and approved

Principals Update

- Spelling Bee next Wednesday 1/15
 - Anticipating a long one this year
 - Record the finalists and win
- Basketball season in full swing
 - Girls won their last game, boys lost but played a higher division
 - PTO provided jerseys holding out well
- Book Exchange next week, all week 1/13-17
 - Bring two good condition books from home and receive a book ticket
 - Bring your book ticket to the MP room Monday 1/23 to pick out one new-to-you-book
 - Extra books to be donated
 - Event, tickets and donations organized by an 8th grade student from Pinkerton for their project

- Passport event planned for wednesday 3/5

Past events

- Donuts with Santa
 - Need new set of lights
 - This years lights donated
 - Have a donated tree, need a place to store it
 - Looking for missing tree bag, red with zip up
 - Notes:
 - Wrapped up by 8am this year
 - Gave out 50 dozen donuts,
 - Some for staff room and some to police
 - Shawn will return as Santa next year
 - Collected more gifts than last year
 - More clarity on it being a toy donation event
 - Setup was easier with chairs and table out before start decorating
 - Spent \$581 on event
 - Next year need funds for backdrops
- Dine and donate
 - November locations:
 - Chuck-E-Cheese raised approx \$740
 - Jack's Urban Eats raised approx \$100
 - Old Spaghetti Factory amount undetermined
 - December locations:
 - BJs amount undetermined
 - Chuck-E-Cheese \$0 due to low attendance
 - Amount to be checked because several families attended
 - January locations:
 - Lamppost Pizza Wednesday 1/8, amount undetermined
 - Trying to do Filipino food this month but haven't heard back from Savory
 - May do something for Lunar New Year
 - Oz, Panda Express, Tea Garden, or Pegasus Bakery & Boba
 - Almost raised more funds than last year
- Teacher holiday gifts
 - So good! Teachers loved the student colored booklet and gift cards
 - Huge effort to printing, organize, getting colored and assemble
 - Every person on staff got gifts
 - Chick-fil-a donated nugget meals er pens
 - Fun for the front office see families coming in to donate and sign the teacher pages
 - \$2,200 donated for teacher and staff gifts
 - Due to donation the Teacher Appreciation budget line needs to be adjusted

- Need to add income and expense for money collected for teacher gift
- Motion to increase the Teacher Appreciation budget line income and expense by \$2,300 each
 - Seconded and approved

Rocket Run

- Taking place Friday 2/28, a minimum day
- Doing event ourselves this year; fundraising companies take 50%
 - Mr Catris and Mrs Johnson do assemblies to pump everyone up
 - If we meet our fundraising goals we'll slime Mr Alessi
 - Use Rocket News to spread the word
 - Elk Grove Unified School District has a ton of anti bullying materials
 - Use for Elliott Ranch character building during Rocket Run
 - Partnering with exl to help run event
 - Stagger 6 staff, 3 at the start and 6 later
 - Use a portal site to sign in and fundrise
 - Only take 3-5%
 - Use two tracks with runs at 8:30am and 11am
 - Decorate with balloon garland, cones, bubbles
 - If there is bad weather the Rocket Run will change to a dance-a-thon in the MP room
 - Shirts to-be-determined
 - May do white T-shirts so classes can earn a tie dye party
 - May do a lap sticker on shirts
 - Need volunteers for Rocket Run Committee
 - If interested contact the PTO vice president at vicepresident@elliotttranchpto.com
 - Volunteers also needed before, during and after event
 - Relying on family volunteers to mark laps
 - Sign-up Genius will be put out closer to event

Flock your neighbor

- Yard flamingo fundraiser around Spring Break
- Tentative rules:
 - Donate to have flamingos put in a friends yard for a week
 - Can donate to have them removed from your yard or moved to another yard
 - Can donate for insurance so your yard won't be flocked
- Speak to HOA for approval

School Appreciation Committee

- The PTO shows appreciation for all Elliott Ranch Elementary staff
 - Office, administration, teachers, para teachers, custodial staff, etc
- Procedural changes have made appreciation efforts more difficult

- Facility use forms are now online and have a 30 day submission requirement
- Vendor insurance is higher as well
- PTO is starting a committee to streamline school appreciation
 - If interested contact the vice president at vicepresident@elliotttranchpto.com

Yearbook

- Yearbook cover contest
 - Fliers go in teacher boxes tomorrow Friday 1/10
 - Cover design rules:
 - Has to say "Elliott Ranch"
 - Has to be spelled correctly
 - Has to have the year: 2024-25
 - Artist name must be on the back
 - Art must be on scannable paper or a digital file
 - Art must be 8 ½ x 11
- Yearbook details:
 - Early sale price is \$21.65 for soft cover, \$27.38 for hard cover
 - Everyone gets two customizable pages that are only in your book
 - Deadline for customizable pages is Monday 3/31 ads still printed in everyone's book
 - Can still purchase ads that will appear in everyone's yearbook
- Need a PTO or family volunteer for each class yearbook page to:
 - Make sure names match pictures and are spelled correctly
 - Pick the class page background and load class pictures from field trips, events, etc
 - Reach out to classroom liaison for help
 - If interested in helping with the yearbook, contact yearbook@elliotttranchpto.com
- Using a new company this year
 - Later deadline for layout so can include more events
 - Layout is more work but familiar to yearbook chair
 - Customizable page may mean less ads sold and less revenue from yearbook sales
- Sold 100 yearbooks so far

Next meeting is Thursday 2/6/24 @ 6pm in the Library

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm