



# ELLIOTT RANCH PTO

Academics, Technology, Arts- for the well rounded student

## Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2024, 6-7pm

Elliott Ranch Library

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President

### Introductions

- Say your name and your children's grade and teacher

### Minutes

- Synopsis
  - Last meeting's minutes disseminated to members at least two weeks before current meeting via PTO website:
    - [elliotttranchpto.com](http://elliotttranchpto.com)
  - Names are not included in the minutes but position may be used, for example "president" or "member"
- Motion to pass the May 2024 minutes
  - Seconded
  - Pass unanimous

### Financial Report

- Handout is current as of 8/23/2024
- Membership raised more than stated on financial report
- Motion to approve Financial Report through 8/23/2024
  - Seconded
  - Pass unanimous

### Principal Report

- Great start to the year
- Small yard shade structure installation started Wednesday 9/4
  - Location marked in the yard
  - Take two weeks to complete
  - Shade structure background
    - Needed shade in the small yard for years
    - Last year and year before it cost of over \$75,000

- After first year we weren't even close to raising enough
    - Fund raised for a second year
    - Partnered with the Elk Grove School District to match funds
    - Elk Grove School District Facilities got the cost down to \$60K, PTO raised \$30K, district matched \$30K
- Next Friday Assembly is Friday 9/20
- Picture day Wednesday 9/25
  - Make-up picture day Wednesday 10/30
- Social media issue for 6th grade
  - Students match-making students on TikTok
  - Involved many 6th grade students
    - Spoke to students one at a time
- Parent Lunch
  - Question asking if families can come on campus to have lunch with their kids
  - Still working out the details:
    - Suggestions included pre-sign-up, check IDs, stagger by weeks for grades

#### August Events Recap

- Popsicles in the Park
  - 130 kids wrote their name on class papers
  - Some didn't write their name and a few parents couldn't sign into ParentVUE. Probably had around 150 students attend.
  - Sold popcorn and cotton candy, free movie
    - Made couple hundred dollars
  - Next year, let attendees know we're selling snacks so everyone knows to bring cash or card.
- Back to School Breakfast- for teachers
  - Huckleberry's donated
    - Webmaster suggested that we can thank them on our website
- Boo-hoo Woo-hoo Breakfast- for new TK & Kinder families
  - Chick-Fil-A donated chicken biscuits
    - Can thank them on our website
  - Meet and greet for new families
    - For AM and PM classes
    - Introduced PTO
- Ice Cream Social
  - Sponsored by PTO
  - Welcome back event
  - Feedback: cute, good time, many families spent time in the quad
  - PTO buys all the ice cream, we don't make money off of it
- Dine and Donate
  - Made approx \$600 from Chuck E Cheese

- Made approx \$140 from Raising Caines

## September Events

- Membership Drive
  - Finishes tonight Thursday 9/5
  - New Membership Chair this year
  - Great turnout from teachers communicating to families
    - Over 53% of total school joined PTO
    - Mrs. Godt got the highest with 88% of class
  - PTO raised \$13,260
    - Last year raised \$10,600
    - Last year membership levels had ticket giveaways which negatively affected sales at other events
- ZBest coupon books, September 9-13
  - Next week start coupon book sales
    - Will be passed out to classrooms
    - Return books if don't sell them
  - PTO receives 50% of sales

## October Events

- Custodian Appreciation Day Wednesday 10/2
  - Last year made banners and got them Starbucks gift card
  - We do appreciation days for all staff
    - Includes para educators, etc
    - Last year for principal's day we had the students sign a photo mat with pic of principal with students
    - Teacher appreciation is a week long series of events
- Harvest Festival Friday 10/25
  - Trunk or Treat, games, food sales, wear costumes
    - Do a candy drive
    - Teachers can host a game
      - PTO brings in student volunteers
      - Each teacher can do two games
        - Can do more games if there's room
      - Teachers turn in tickets from their game(s)
        - PTO reimburses the teacher \$1 per ticket collected from the games.
      - Question: Families may have extra tickets, can those be given to teachers for their class? To be determined by committee.
  - Need a chair/coordinator
    - Need a committee for event but one person as main point of contact
    - Pass around sign up for people interested in helping

## General Updates

- Open positions: Spring Fling Chair, Fundraising Chair
- PTO Classroom Liaisons
  - Thank you for joining us
  - Want to increase communication to families
    - What's going on and decisions being made
- New Event: Parent Mixer
  - February or March
- PTO Membership Big Project Votes
  - Music classes were important to many families
    - Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) is not funded by the district again this year
    - Ask teachers for feedback on music lessons, see what opportunities are out there
- PTO Calendar
  - Available on PTO website
  - Subscribe to calendar and automatically populate your calendar
    - So far only works for Google calendar
- Disneyland Drawing
  - 654 names in the raffle
  - Yuki Sugihara won!!!
    - Backup drawing winner: Stephanie Fuller

Next meeting Thursday 10/3 @6pm in the Library

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm