

PTO Elm Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (ECE PTO)
General Meeting Agenda
February 10th 2026, 6:30pm
Elm Creek Elementary Media Center

Welcome and Call to Order-2025-26 PTO President, Kathleen Petersen

- Table talkers
 - Ideas to bring in new/more participants
 - Carnival Questions and ideas
 - Large participant game of some sort/Jail game
 - Something to match the popularity of soda as the prize
 - Snow cones
 - Skee-ball
 - Dunk tank
 - Petting zoo
 - Bounce houses
 - Jump roping/hoola hoop
 - Competition against teachers
 - More sports/skill set games for older kids
 - Silent auction
 -

PTO Board Officers + Principal's Report

● **Ness' Notes**

- Next Coffee with the principal Feb 13th, 9:30-10:30 in the media center
- No school 2/16
- Winter Conferences will be on March 3rd, March 5th and March 11
- Scheduling starts 2/16
-

● **President's Report, Kathleen Petersen**

- Conference presence
 - Table in media center
 - 45-1 hr shifts
 - Anyone from the meeting welcome to volunteer
- 26/27 elections
 - Chime in now, or email president@ecepto.org, or talk to any board member
 - Current nominees for 26-27
 - Hospitality: Amber Barvels (seeking a co-chair)
 - Harvest Bingo: Laura Sauer
 - Book Fair: Katherine Gessner
 - Holiday Shop: Kenzie Fischer and Ruth Buller
 - Dance: Emily Kirkwold (seeking a co-chair)
 - Dine to Donate: Sonia Stark
 - Fun Run: Angela Carney (already voted in)
 - Communications:
 - Treasurer:
 - High need position
 - Someone comfortable with spreadsheets/numbers

- Secretary:
- Vice President:
- President:
- You can access current bylaws here: <https://ecepto.org/bylaws-%26-policies>
- Document available with future volunteer needs/roles
 - View on ecepto website <https://ecepto.org/>
 - Found in *About Us* under *Bylaws and Policies*
 - More than one person can head a committee position
- Future funds requests/needs for staff
- **Vice President's Report, Nicole Hurt**
 - February Dance updates
 - The cafeteria wall will be partially closed to keep low light for glow setting and keep food/drinks in the cafeteria. No food/beverages in the gym!!
 - Glow dance, 6-8pm (door open at 5:45), enter through door 14.
 - \$3 admission/includes glow stick. Additional glow sticks 2/\$1
 - Concessions: light snacks and beverages \$1
 - Water and gatorade
 - Popcorn, goldfish
 - Cash event
 - Not a drop off event. Parent/guardian/responsible adult must be present.
 - Kids started voting on songs they want to hear
 - Conference meals update
 - March 3,5, 11
 - Bookfair during conferences. Dragon themed!
 - 3:30-7pm March 3,5,11
 - Is a PTO fundraiser
 - Bulletin board
 - Carnival brainstorming
 - Faster pace on face painting/smaller designs
 - Hair coloring/chalk
 - Balloon animals
 - Diy photo booth
 - More help is welcome and needed for all events, if anyone is interested in shadowing any of these roles for potential leadership in the future, please email Nicole (vicepresident@ecepto.org) or reach out to the committee director/leader directly.
 - Volunteer application - <https://www.osseoschools.org/community/volunteers>
 - PTO shirts can be made for Committee members who'd like one. Reach out to Nicole Hurt for more info
- **Treasurer's Report, Michael Taube**
 - Monthly activity and Treasurer's reports
 - Tax filing status
 - 2023 Penalty
 - Abatement letter still under review, penalty interest on hold
 - Still waiting on IRS end
 - State report due 2/15
 - Fraud charges: still waiting to see when payments would begin back to PTO

Communications: Heidi Janssen

Get info from Angela about conference meals/flier

Get info for bookfair to send out info

Upcoming Events

- Art Adventures - all of February
- Coffee with the Principal 2-13-26
- Dance 2-20-26
- March PTO meeting 3/10
 - Voting for future positions
 - Dance rap up

Raffle

4 Dance admission tickets

Renea

Adjournment