

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

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

- Around the Room: In addition to reminding us of your name and children's grades, What "prize" would your student be excited to earn during our Fun Run Fundraiser this fall?
 - Books (pair with scholastic), Fidgets, Squishy fidgets, Needoh, Jellycat, Specs, 3D printer, Sports equipment(basketball,Frisbie, etc), Sunglasses, headbands, Scooter, Cool pens, Art supplies, Elm Creek gear, Drone, Scented markers, Gift Cards (5below, etc), Partnership with local restaurant to earn eats, Candy

PTO Board Officers + Principal's Report

● **Ness' Notes**

- Next Coffee with the Principal March 13th, Media Center

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

- 26/27 elections
 - 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)
 - Carnival: Megan Dischinger
 - Communications:Melissa Meier
 - Treasurer: Karrie Pastorek
 - Secretary: Katie House
 - Vice President: Nicole Hurt
 - President: Kathleen Petersen
 - Chime in now, or email president@ecepto.org, or talk to any board member
 - You can access current bylaws here: <https://ecepto.org/bylaws-%26-policies>
 - Document available with future volunteer needs/roles
 - View on ece pto 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
 - VOTE (President and Ms. Ness to count ballots during VP report)

Everyone is voted in! Plus Melissa Meier as communications director.

● **Vice President's Report, Nicole Hurt**

- February Dance recap
 - Make room for a break/Quiet space to decompress
 - Great theme!!
 - Teachers did a great job getting kids to attend and excited

- Great DJ
- Voting for songs was great engagement
- Better barrier for the DJ
- Kidstop monitors were great, very effective
- Book fair recap/update
 - Over \$5k books sold
 - About half will go back to the school
 - Share the fare has been used more with more knowledge about funds going to the school
 - Money from scholastic helps fund our carnival!! About 10% of the funds
- Carnival preview and update
 - Adding airbrush tattoo artists
 - Human slot machine idea
 - NHS or teachers possibly
 - Food trucks will have their own permits
- 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**

- Vote to change guest author/speaker funds to general media/library funds
 - Voted yes to change
- Monthly activity and Treasurer's reports
- Tax filing status
 - 2023 Penalty
 - Still waiting
 - Abatement letter still under review, penalty interest on hold
 - Fraud charges: Restitution tracking
 - First payment of \$78 received
- Charitable Organization in MN Registration
 - Submitted registration
 - Waiting to hear back from the state of Minnesota
- Volunteer coordinator salary increase
 - PTO provides %50 pf salary

Communications: Heidi Janssen

Upcoming Events

- Coffee with the Principal 3-13-26
- April PTO meeting 4/14

Raffle

\$20 Gift Card for Two Scoops! - YAY Jenna!

Adjournment