

PTO Elm Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (ECE PTO)
General Meeting Agenda
January 13th 2026, 6:30pm
Elm Creek Elementary Media Center

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

- Table talkers
 - Introduce yourself at your table (name, EC kiddo grades, position if you have one)
 - What snacks would students enjoy at the family dance?
 - What type of music or specific song do you hope to hear?

PTO Board Officers + Principal's Report

● **Ness' Notes, Joelle Tegland**

- Color block spirit day Thursday Jan. 15th
- Feb 6th Sport/Jersey day
- Next Coffee with the principal Feb 13th, 9:30-10:30 in the media center
- Winter Conferences will be on March 3rd, March 5th and March 11th

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

- Stock the Classroom wrap up
 - Is there a way to balance gifting throughout the grades to make sure stock is going where its needed: maybe a general bucket to disperse
 - Mrs. Ness could speak with team leads to discuss future options for distribution equity
- Holiday Shop wrap up
 - Decorations were a big improvement
 - Long table skirts for next year to cover up bins under tables
 - Possibly bigger bags for "small bags"
 - Lunch bags worked great
 - Communicate students can make a tag for themselves if they'd like to pick something
 - Teachers could communicate to gift for family and friends instead of classmates
- February Dance
 - Doors open at 5:45
 - Snacks available. All items \$1
 - \$3 admission
 - Will be a glow dance!!
 - Kids will get to vote in school for which songs they'd like to hear.
 - Parents must be present, not a drop off event
 - Food/drinks must stay in cafeteria
 - Any kids welcome, not just for Elm Creek Students
 - Glow sticks with be \$1
- Other locations for contact: Conferences!!
 - We will be looking for people to staff the table. You do not need to be on the board or a director to volunteer - just an engaged PTO volunteer! If you want to bring your child, they can hand out the candy!
 - Possibly 1 hour shifts

- 2026-27 Elections - nominations open!!!
 - 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)
 - You can access current bylaws here: <https://ecepto.org/bylaws-%26-policies>
 - Prep for 2026-27
 - 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

- **Vice President's Report, Nicole Hurt (Nicole absent)**

- 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
 - 2024 Filing
 - Successfully filed
 - State report due 2/15
- Apex funds status
 - Extra 3% was received

Communications: Heidi Janssen (Heidi absent)

Upcoming Events

- Art Adventures - all of February
- February meeting 2-10-26
- Coffee with the Principal 2-13-26
- Dance 2-20-26

New Ideas

Update agenda on the website

Adjournment