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

Welcome and Call to Order-2026-27 PTO President, Kathleen Petersen

- Introductions/table top questionnaires

PTO Board Officers + Principal's Report

- **Ness' Notes, Beth Ness**
  - ☐ Coffee with the principal next Friday Oct 23rd 10-11am in Elm Creek Media
    - ☐ Topic: Academic Interventions at Elm Creek
  - ☐ Children will be expected to go outside during temps feeling like -5, vs feels of 0 degrees in previous years. Dress warm this winter!!
  - ☐ New for the library.. Unrestricted checkouts and the amount of books!!
- **Volunteer reminder, Joelle Tegland**
  - ☐ Give Joelle time spent volunteering. That could be crafting, in school volunteering, committee time. Estimate hours spent and send Joelle an email.
- **President's Report**, **Kathleen Petersen**
- **Vice President's Report, Nicole Hurt**
  - ☐ Fun run recap
    - ☐ $66,350 raised!!! 2.6% to be paid to FunHub for the platform.
      - ☐ Expenses for prizes/shirts have not been taken out if that total.
    - ☐ $48,000 last year with apex after the amount paid to them.
    - ☐ Yearbooks will be paid for by PTO
    - ☐ 75% kids registered.. More than previous year.
    - ☐ Extra prizes were raffled during fundraising weeks.
    - ☐ Millie Peterson earned Principal for a Day as top funds raised!
    - ☐ Need a better plan for Pre K so parents have an easier time viewing and not so close to the speakers.
    - ☐ Teacher involvement was so much fun and made it a memorable experience.
    - ☐ Not tracking laps was made the event better
    - ☐ Picking the music and extra recess were big motivators/school wide prizes were a hit.
    - ☐ Need to make adjustments to each student's fundraising goals.
    - ☐ Sharing the fundraising info was more difficult than in previous years.
    - ☐ Can wait to commit to FunHub now or later. Fees waived.
    - ☐ Need more signs for next year.
  - ☐ Book fair - in progress!
    - ☐ Sold just under 7k in scholastic merchandise

- [ ] Staff appreciation
    - [ ] Meals for staff at conferences
    - [ ] Possibly do sign up for spring conferences
- [ ] Harvest Bingo
    - [ ] Doors open at 5:30 November 6th. Event from 6-8pm.
    - [ ] Pricing same as last year.
    - [ ] Pizza will be sold at the event.
- [ ] 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

- **Treasurer's Report, Karrie Pastorek**
    - [ ] Monthly activity report
    - [ ] Finalized Budget - vote to approve or adjust - Vote approved unanimously
        - [ ] Requests $500 and over need approval at a PTO meeting
        - [ ] Requests under $500 can be approved by board members
            - [ ] (this is in the bylaws)

Upcoming Events

- [ ] Harvest Bingo
- [ ] Start crafting for the Holiday Shop!
    - [ ] Crafting kits will be available at next meeting
    - [ ] Gifts for dads/brothers needed
    - [ ] Doesn't need to be holiday themed
    - [ ] Do not need book marks!!
    - [ ] Fill out volunteer hours on hand out when dropping of crafts
    - [ ] Consumables(candy, hot cocoa, etc) need to be store bought and sealed.

New Ideas

Communications, Melissa Meier

- [ ] For upcoming events (Harvest Bingo and Holiday Shop) - who is posting what, between director and Melissa
    - [ ]
- [ ] General meetings - agenda shared on Mondays before Tuesday meeting
- [ ] Anything else?

Raffle drawing

- Family pack bingo cards
    - Sonja Stark

Adjournment