

Elm Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (ECE PTO)

General Meeting

March 4, 2024 6:30pm

Elm Creek Elementary Media Center

Elm Creek Elementary



Helping Our Students Soar!

Please note this meeting will be a hybrid format, and you can attend in person or via a Google Meet. The link to the Google Meet will be provided prior to the meeting.

Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order-2023-24 PTO President, Katie Lauseng

☐ Round the room Introduce yourself and get rid of one food forever: Tacos or Pizza

PTO Board Member Report

☐ President's Report, Katie Lauseng

Dance update, it was a great success. Great family involvement. Sold 355 wrist bands and made a profit of \$1,184. Shout out to all the volunteers for helping this dream come true.

Election

☐ Nominees will share about themselves

Bao Vang 4th Grade - Pazendak

3rd Grade - Dylong

2nd Grade - Uecker

Apex is my favorite event.

I would like the position because it supports all the activities at Elm Creek to bring children, teachers and parents together to build a strong community.

Been in leadership for healthcare for almost 20 years, currently Vice President of Operations for Internet Brands under the legal vertical

Sarah Grenfell- 1st grader, I love book fair. I have a lot of years here at EC with a soon to be preschooler too. I love all the events here at EC. I have a role in leadership in mergers and acquisitions. I look forward to serving as VP this year and moving into the President position if that is what happens.

Michael Taube My name is Michael Taube. I have a second grader in Mrs. Paige's class, as well as a sixth grader at OMS. My favorite PTO sponsored events are the book fairs and kindness in chalk. I have been nominated for the Treasurer position. I think I can help continue the work this year's board completed in improving transparency and ensuring the PTO's ongoing support of Elm Creek Elementary's staff and families. My background in other community organizations, specifically Cub Scouts as Committee Chair and Scouts BSA as an Assistant Scoutmaster, as well as professionally, previously as a cyber and physical security auditor and currently risk assessment and mitigation engineer, will help guide me in performing the duties of Treasurer. Thank you for your interest in supporting the PTO through this transition.

Monica Kilpatrick I have a student in Oakley's class and a kindergartener for next year. I just had a career change that allows me to volunteer more. I am a planner and an organizer. I am excited to be more involved.

Gina Moore I was previously on the PTO, I have a fundraising background and a marketing career. I am excited to be the liaison for APEX and the families here at EC. It is a great event and have enjoyed my years of volunteering within APEX.

Jillisa Kraetz-I have a 3rd grader, I am currently shadowing Katie this year. I have always loved the book fair, I have been volunteering since my daughter was in Kindergarten, honestly I just love volunteering at all the events.

Megan Dischinger I am the current committee director, I loved the carnival as a child and want to continue the tradition. I have a 5th and 1st grader. The carnival is a large event with a lot of moving parts, its been a challenge but I like a good challenge.

Sauna Bellcour My daughter, Penelope, is in the 1st grade with Mrs. Sowden

-My favorite PTO directed activity would be the carnival & the dance!

-I want this because it would be so much fun helping out our wonderful PTO group and making Elm Creek so much so more fun!! I love planning activities, parties, making things fun for everyone!

Erica Schmidt I am a Kindergarten teacher here at EC with a 2nd grader. The dance was so much fun and we want to make sure it continues.

Maria Sowden Erica shared on her behalf that Maria was wanting to continue for the same reasons as she had stated

Sara Niccum I am the current committee director for D2D, I have a 2nd grader and a kindergartener. I really enjoy this position, I like reaching out to the local restaurants and trying to great a variety of foods for the EC community to enjoy.

Taylor Vernstrom I have a 2nd and 4th grader. I chaired the committee for holiday shoppe this year. I really enjoyed it, getting to see the kids come in and their excitement. I really have enjoyed making to more inclusive to all students and families at EC.

Kathleen Petersen I have a 1st and 4th grader. It has been very fulfilling to be VP this past year, I volunteer a lot within the school so I am hoping to move into a co-chair position. I am very passionate about how inclusive the holiday shoppe is.

Angela Carney I just love our staff, as an Elm Creek alumni myself and some staff still there from when I went I just want to show them how much we appreciate them. I love connecting with the community to find donations and gifts for the staff.

Heather Thompson I have 4th grade twins. I was new last year and realized the best way to get to know the community is to jump right in and volunteer so I did. I lead turkey bingo this year and it has a soft spot in my heart as it is a family favorite for us.

☐ **Vote for Board and Committee members for 2024-25 year**

PTO Board Member Report, cont'd

☐ **Vice President's Report, Kathleen Petersen**

Focusing on communicating list of new members in their new roles, Marisa will be sharing these via email and FB

☐ **Treasurer's Report, Renae Osorio**

☐ Monthly activity report, [see attached documents](#)

☐ **Secretary's Report, Marisa Herbert**

[Nothing to share at this time](#)

Committee Directors Report

☐ **Book Fair-Katie Lauseng** Jillisa shared on Katie's behalf - book fair is the 6th, 12th, and 14th. There are still some shifts available to volunteer at the book fair. This is a NO CASH event

☐ **Staff Appreciation-Angela Carney** Mario theme for staff appreciation. Conference meals are Wednesday the 6th and Tuesday the 12th

☐ **Carnival-Megan Dischinger** Still working out all the moving pieces as this is a big event. It will be held from 6-8 pm. There will be some new exciting events/games and additions to this year. We will be holding a class competition to collect 20 oz bottles

of soda. It will be wristbands this year vs tickets. We are still looking for some more food trucks. Also working on finding better prizes

Election Results

- ☐ Newly elected board and committee, **Katie Lauseng & Mrs. Ness**

BOARD:

President - Bao Vang

Vice President - Sarah Grenfell

Treasurer- Michael Taube

Secretary- Monica Kilpatrick

COMMITTEE DIRECTORS:

Hospitality- Angela Carney

Carnival- Megan Dischinger & Shauna Bellcour

Communications: Kari Chura

Dance- Erica Schmidt & Maria Sowden

Apex- Gina Moore

Holiday Shoppe- Taylor Vernstrom & Kathleen Petersen

Book Fair- Jillisa Kraetz

Turkey Bingo- Heather Thompson & Shauna Bellcour

Dine to Donate: Sara Niccum

Ness' Notes, Beth Ness, [see website for documents](#)

Announcements

- ☐ **Next PTO Meeting:** Tuesday, April 16th
- ☐ **Upcoming Events Reminders:**
 - ☐ Book Fair March 6th, 12th and 14th
 - ☐ Dine 2 Donate, March 20th at Two Scoops

Adjournment