

PTO Elm Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (ECE PTO)
General Meeting
October 8th, 2024, 6:30pm
Elm Creek Elementary Media Center

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Helping Our Students Soar!

Agenda
Minutes in Green
Action Items highlighted

Welcome and Call to Order-2024-25 PTO President, Bao Vang

- Welcome to the spookiest meeting of the year!
- Ice Breaker: In the spirit of Halloween: **Fruit candy** (skittles/starburst/gummies/etc.) or **Chocolate candy** (snickers, hershey bars, reeses, etc.)? **Chocolate candy wins the day!!**

PTO Board Member Report

● **President's Report**, Bao Vang

- Overall Board Update
- Criminal Case Update - Katie Lauseng -
 - A court date is set for 10/09, PTO treasurer from 23/24 will be there
 - Questions will need to continue to be directed to Katie
- Open Positions - we have had inquiries but the positions are still open. Please reach out to the board if interested.
 - PTO Secretary
 - Dine to Donate Director
- Kindness In Chalk - 10/7 - great event and beautiful!
- Book Fair - 10/7, 10/9 Lots of traffic, update from Jillisa below

● **Vice President's Report**, Sarah Grenfell

- Nothing for October - great to work with all the committee directors over the past month!

● **Treasurer's Report**, Michael Taube

- Fundraising and events financial summary -
 - Apex was a great success! \$49,070,01 deposited so far.
 - Apex holds a retainer so more money is on its way. Should be \$3,065 that will be deposited at the end of the month.
 - \$285 donated directly and no paypal donations.

- Due to challenges that ECE had during Apex week, we negotiated with Apex to get an extra 4% to compensate for the experience.
- The board will be reaching out to the teachers to do with the extra funds and how to celebrate the students!
- If there are children missing prizes then please first reach out to Staci in the front office as she has extra prizes
- Monthly activity report -See handouts
 - Apex numbers will be in October's report
- Budget review - See handouts
 - Being finalized, not yet approved
 - End of year celebrations captured in budget. Budget is created chronologically through the school year - not alphabetically.
 - If you have specific questions or items should be added please reach out to Michael Taube (treasurer@ecepto.org)
 - Please fill in a fund request form if you would like to get funds from the PTO to be reviewed and approve
 - Once funds are approved please fill out reimbursement form to get paid
- Insurance Renewed -Good for this school year

Committee Directors Report

- APEX-Gina Morris - earned \$49,070 + the retainer (~\$52k total!)
 - 65% of students received pledges - great engagement
 - All numbers are posted on Facebook
 - Team was amazing, worked through difficulties
 - Kari for communications!
 - Ms. Ness for being great
 - The PTO board
 - All the volunteers
- Communications Update- Kari Chura
 - Has a new email communications@ecepto.org
- Book Fair-Jillisa Kraetz - almost at our goal of \$500 with one day to go!
 - Parents/kids loving it
 - Set up great
 - Will set up meeting after the book fair to decide how best to use funds
- Hospitality: Conference Meals - Angela Carney
 - Very successful meals yesterday!
- Turkey Bingo - Heather Oakley-Thompson , Shauna Bellcour
 - Turkey Bingo will look a lot like last year
 - Will open 30 minutes early
 - Will be offering gift cards as prizes \$25
 - Publications will announce prizes are going to be gift cards
 - Pizza will be dominos
 - Poll: Older turkey bingo had a raffle basket?
 - PTO feels like it should be up to the committee directors
 - PTO would like to include it in Carnival
 - Basket/raffles would be online - previous years were baskets made in the classrooms
 - Gambling permit is being submitted

- Paper products will be supplied by PTO board
- Volunteer Sign Up - same needs as last year but will shift times slightly since turkey bingo is starting 30 minutes early.
- AI Heather/Shaulna: Confirm numbers from last year
- AI Shauna: Connect with Joelle about volunteering
- Idea: Bloom Dance Company - competition senior group (high school) 20/30 competition dance high school girls.
- Holiday Shoppe - Taylor Vernstrom, Kathleen Petersen
 - Starting to purchase items now that budget is approved
 - Can be any holiday or not holiday related
 - Pet treats
 - Jewelry, etc.
 - Ideas are on the pinterest board
 - Feedback from families is they like many holidays being represented

Ness' Notes, Beth Ness

- EC PTO Meeting PPT - October - notes on the website
 - Safety drills
 - DARE - comes to 5th, 4th, and 2nd grade
 - Test results
 - 10/28 Coffee with Ness at Annabelle House
 - Volunteers
 - Numbers are pretty similar to last year
 - If you are doing anything outside of the school day send Joelle those hours
 - Every meal programs - students get food bags tailored to different dietary needs
 - Pumpkin run at the end of the month
 - Library - almost 3,000 books have been checked out, 4-5th grade adopt a book shelf
 - Producer/ECTV - updated made and is fantastic
 - 11/16: 9am-12pm School choice fair - all schools at Osseo senior high, principal will be there and looking for a family/someone to join.
 - AI Everyone: Interested? Contact Ms. Ness

Upcoming Events

- PTO General Meeting - 11/12
- Turkey Bingo - 11/15

Adjournment