

Elm Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (ECE PTO)
General Meeting

October 9, 2023 6:30pm
Elm Creek Elementary Media Center

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Helping Our Students Soar!

Agenda

- Welcome and Call to Order-2023-24 PTO President, Katie Lauseng
 - Round the room + fall icebreaker
- PTO Board Member Reports
 - President's Report
 - Update on Fund Misuse Investigation Not a whole lot to update on. Waiting on one piece from bank to give to detective, then will move to county attorney. Also, received letter from IRS, we are a non-profit again!!
 - Apex Event Debrief So far estimated \$47,893. Final amount end of this week or early next. We had tons of volunteers and lots of spectators. We've had a lot of parents ask about the percent APEX keeps. The breakdown of their 45%: pizza, bubbles and other parties. The prizes. The leadership team who comes in and gets the kids excited, preps staff, tshirts. We need to lock in with APEX in the next couple weeks, so if someone is doing research, let us know.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Monthly Activity Report We were able to open a new account, everything from Apex is in there. September amounts shown. We were able to write checks. Checks wrote on oct 2nd. Write insurance check tonight. Next plan build budget, asked staff for info by EOM. Per our

convo with Sandy, it's better to have one person managing how the money is used, vs. having to go through different people. Sandy is willing to manage.

- Status of Elm Creek Staff Repayment
- VP/Secretary's Report**
 - Other PTOs ideation session - Elm Creek, Basswood, Rush Creek
 - Having elects and preparing for 2024/25
 - Additional director positions (communications, technology, fun run)
 - Social media posts for upcoming month Spirit days, survey people, student council spirit days (Elias and Uecker) unity day wear 18th orange, dress like a book character day oct 31
 - Personal sharing
 - Invite your fb friends
- Committee Directors' Reports**
 - Dine to Donate: Sara Niccum 1st dine to donate was awesome! Oct 25 is Chipotle. Date to be determined for Annabelle House. Frankies all day in December 13th. March 2 scoops "pretend it's summer"
 - Book Fair: Katie Lauseng, Jallisa shadowing Tuesday and Thursday. Jillisa is shadowing. Credit card or ewallet.
 - Turkey Bingo: Heather Thompson November 10th. Flier is done. Volunteer request coming out next Wednesday. Adding monitors this year so kids don't get loud and crazy. Scouts will help with this also. Is there an opportunity to engage the kids more? Maybe an activity between games. We can invite Officer S
 - Holiday Shoppe: Taylor Vernstrom + Cassie Twite Supplies are ordered. Craft note went out. Taylor sent note to email list, posting calling crafters on Weds. No cash box this year, each kid brings \$5 and gets 5 items. Will have option to sponsor a child. Kids will get labels, and bags will be opaque so no tissue paper needed. Cassie reached out to potential crafters (churches, nursing homes, etc)
 - Staff Appreciation: Angela Carney Well stocked for conference meals. Lots of people donated! She will send Renae screenshots of receipts.
- Ness' Notes: Beth Ness See additional notes on website.**

Volunteer Coordinator Guest Speaker: Joelle Tegland

New Business

Bylaws update: KP We've reviewed the roles and responsibilities part of the bylaws, and are making a few adjustments to President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Communication outside of social platforms: KP We will use the email list more to not omit those not on social media.

Steak fry or spaghetti dinner or Jesse Becker concert: KP Definite interest in Jesse Becker concert. Brittany Becker has submitted proposal and will work on recommendation as to whether it is at Lookout or Chanticlear. Hoping for a time slot appropriate for the kiddos to come along (this is a new addition since the meeting last night)

Secretary search: KL A few interested parents, planning on figuring this out by Friday.

Donate button for website: KL Katie working on this

Announcements

Next PTO Meeting: Nov 14

Upcoming Events Reminders:

October 10th and 12th -Book Fair

October 25-Dine to Donate (Chipotle)

November 10th -Turkey Bingo

November 14th -PTO Meeting

December 13th - Dine to Donate, Frankie's Pizza

Adjournment