

PTO Elm Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (ECE PTO)
General Meeting
January 14th, 2025, 6:30pm
Elm Creek Elementary Media Center

Elm Creek Elementary



Helping Our Students Soar!

Agenda

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

- ☐ Welcome to the first meeting of 2025!
- ☐ Ice Breaker: What is something you hope to happen in 2025?

PTO Board Member Report

- **President's Report**, Bao Vang
 - ☐ Overall Board Update-board is now filled
 - ☐ Criminal Case Update - Katie Lauseng
 - ☐ Next court date 1/27-no additional updates
- **Vice President's Report**, Sarah Grenfell
 - ☐ Bylaw Review of suggested changes-bylaws reviewed by VP with membership for final approval/updates
 - ☐ PTO Positions for 25/26 School Year
 - ☐ Known Vacant Positions
 - ☐ Vice President
 - ☐ Dine to Donate
 - ☐ Harvest Bingo
 - ☐ Positions where committee director may be interested but has served at least 2 terms
 - ☐ Hospitality
 - ☐ Carnival
 - ☐ Unknown
 - ☐ Dance
- **Secretary's Report**, Charles Martin
 - ☐ Readathon Being Explored

Proposing the month of March for the Readathon

Readathon.com-583 is the number of Elm Creek Students-each student would get a login to website and receive an owl avatar. Students would earn wisdom coins for minutes read. Goal is to read at least at least 15 minutes a day. Options included for those that don't have internet access. Teachers also get logins to see their students and encourage student reading. No up front payment needed. 70/30% split with 30% going to the platform and 70% going back to Elm Creek PTO. Volunteer Eagles needed to participate in classroom. Incentives include weekly grab bags, medal award ceremony, a Principal challenge.

Requirement for teachers? Some teachers distributing materials and reminding students to read 15 min daily. Teachers may or may not login to the site. Platform would be for the entire school/all grades and classrooms. Suggestion to turn off comments on site or maybe have the teachers be able to approve. Thursday April 3 is Family Reading night which is focused on grades K-2. Possibility of combining award ceremony with Family Reading night but maybe another night specifically for 3rd-5th grades. Students can get pledges by minutes read or a flat rate. Students can still participate if no funds are donated.

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

- ☐ Monthly activity report-paper copies distributed to those on site/posted on bulletin board
- ☐ Budget and amendments-paper copies distributed to those on site/posted on bulletin board
- ☐ Tax filing progress-tax filing has begun
- ☐ Need a funds request for D.A.R.E shirts; it is budgeted
- ☐ MT to follow up with Sandy about fund/reimbursement request for 5th grade end of year celebration

Committee Directors Report

- ☐ Communications - Kari Chura-plan to post for events and meetings on Facebook. Trying to post pictures.
- ☐ Holiday Shoppe - Taylor Vernstrom, Kathleen Petersen-went well this year. Facebook pictures posted by Kathlenn. Facilities permit needed next year for set up. Encouraging more donations that don't involve crafts/(hershey kisses in bags/dog treats/hot cocoas) restock budget needed for next year due to less donations this year
- ☐ Dance: Erica Schmidt, Maria Sowden-Theme is western; DJ is picked.
- ☐ Dine to Donate: Mark Herbert-Event was yesterday. One more at Annabelle house-date to be confirmed-Board to advise Joelle to put in Friday newsletter
- ☐ Book Fair: Jillisa Kraetz-during conferences Feb 4, 6, 12 during conference week-volunteers needed for setup
- ☐ Hospitality: Angela Carney-

Ness' Notes, Beth Ness

- ☐ EC PTO Meeting PPT - January-going up on website

Upcoming Events

- ☐ Book Fair- February 4, 6, and 12 during parent conferences
- ☐ PTO General Meeting- February 11, 6:30 in the media center
- ☐ Family Fun Dance- February 21

Adjournment