

# Elms Elementary School PTN

March 20, 2024

## MEETING MINUTES

- Call to order, Introductions, and Welcome by Stephanie Falzarano
- Reports:

Treasurer: Report presented by Nikki Wiese. Our gaming account has \$36,782.25; our general account has \$37,014.09. These balances do not include an \$8,000 deposit from the Wizards Game and will increase due to the approximately \$30,000 from Readathon  
Corresponding Secretary: we received a heartfelt thank you card from Ms. Brenner expressing her gratitude to the PTN for supporting the first ever Green Career Day along with the Read Across America celebration.

Principal: Mr. Burgos relayed the negative first: that the \$800,000 anticipated budget cut was increased to over 4 million. He thanked the PTN for the countless hours of fundraising and expressed his gratitude for PTN support. He encouraged us to tune into The Board of Education meeting this evening where the budget concerns will be addressed. In happy news, Read Across America was a huge success, the prizes were a hit amongst students along with the step back in time day. The evening event was a wonderful time for our school. The Elms community also recently enjoyed The Wizards Game along with a 3rd annual bagpipe parade to kick off spring festivities. The Fire Smart Team lead by Ms. Giaconia and Ms. Konopack along with Green Team and Team Tiger Leaders got to experience a controlled burn for fire science education. We are looking forward to next week's Wax Museum, a 3rd grade field trip to the Forest Resource Education Center and the mixed development students will be attending a fun field trip to Jenkinson's. April will see classroom protection time to focus on academic growth and proficiency. Looking ahead, a new literacy curriculum will be implemented come September and teachers will work diligently to bring it to life for students.

Teacher Liaison: no report

- Voting Items
  - February Meeting Minutes: a motion was given by Danielle MacKrell with a 2nd from Kristen Holman to pass the February meeting minutes. All in Favor; no opposition
  - Nominating Committee: Samantha Falzarano [tropps3@aol.com](mailto:tropps3@aol.com); Jen Schretzlmeir [Jen042721@gmail.com](mailto:Jen042721@gmail.com); Kristen Weinbarg [kristenschaffer529@gmail.com](mailto:kristenschaffer529@gmail.com)  
A motion was given by Julie Nyman with a 2nd from Nikki Wiese to pass the above listed nominating committee. All in Favor; no opposition
  - Pollinator Benches: voting was postponed in order to gather more information for this project
  - 5th Grade Celebration budget increase: a motion was made by Nikki Wiese with a 2nd from Kristen Holman to increase the budget from \$5,000 to \$8,000. All in favor, no opposition.

- PTN Updates/Committee Report
  - Grant Awards: a \$50 Amazon Gift card has been awarded per teacher per club along with other grants which enhance the classroom experience. Due to the successful fundraising efforts, all requested grants were approved this year!
  - Nominations will be open until April 23rd: Positions that need filling : Co-VP and Recording Secretary
  - Readathon was an amazing success, raising \$31,419!
  - Read Across America Week was a wonderful time. The students enjoyed going “back in time” to last year’s class
  - Book Fair earned approximately \$15,000. The evening event was awesome; parents generously donated certificates to teachers! The next fair is BOGO and will take place the week of May 13th.
  - Wizards Game was so much fun. A great time was had by teachers and students with lots of memories made! The teacher jerseys were a great addition for the Elms MVPs.
  - Five Below Fundraiser: bring flyer for Elms to receive a %
  - Carnival will be held on May 31st with new and exciting games!
  - Yearbook
  - Clothing Drive - Saturday, May 11th along with the Outdoor Plant Sale. Please drop off donations by 11:30am
  - Plant Sale will take place the week of May 6th.
  - Teacher Appreciation Week: Gift Donations wanted. Thank you to Delicious Orchards for donating 10 pies for teachers & staff to celebrate Pi Day! This year the theme is All-Stars Sports
  - Blue Claws game will be June 2nd at 1:05pm. The Elms Chorus will be singing the National Anthem. Coincidentally, this is also Bark In The Park Day!
  - 5th Grade Celebration will be on June 10th, Rain date June 12th during the school day: looking for sponsors and non-fifth grade parents to volunteer
  - Volunteers Needed: Open Chair Committees for next year are Birthday Grams, Display My Art, Food Pantry, Gertude Hawk, Co- Chair PreK/Kindergarten Orientation, Spirit Wear, and Photographers for 2024-2025 grades PreK, 2nd, 4th, 5th and MD.
- Open Floor: no new items
- Adjournment: a motion to adjourn was brought by Nikki Wiese with a second from Danielle MacKrell.
- Meeting was re-opened to present an additional voting item to purchase a new playground for approximately \$6,000 to support our mixed development students. A motion was brought by Kristen Holman with a second from Nicole Couceiro. All in favor, no opposition.

## Upcoming Events on back .....

- 3/16-3/23: Five Below Fundraiser
- 3/21: Tiger Trading Post
- 4/11: Spring School Pictures
- 4/12: Crumbl Cookies orders due
- 3/28 : Shortened Day
- 3/28: Movie Day (whole school) - popcorn to be provided by The PTN to students from Clusters
- 3/29-4/7: Spring Break (No School)
- 4/18: Tiger Trading Post
- 4/19: Charcuterie Class 7pm at Elms- Parents Only
- 4/23: Crumbl Cookies delivery
- 4/24: PTN Meeting 9:30 IMC
- 4/26: Crazy Hat Day (Spirit Day)