

Elms Elementary School PTN

General Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2024

1. Introductions- Meeting called to order and welcome by Julie Nyman.
2. Reports-
 - a. Treasurer-Report by Nikki Wiese-General Account:\$28,930.24; Gaming:\$67,596.92. Holiday Shop not accounted for yet.
 - b. Corresponding Secretary- Given by Carrie Bassano in Jennifer Herkert's absence. Thank you notes
 - c. Principals Report- Wish Happy Holidays and hope everyone has great week next week. Mention Mrs. Feibelman and Mrs. Avila, teachers of the year for ELMS.
 - i. Reading Event- overall great, maybe move so not as much activity in Month of December
 - ii. 5th graders to Liberty to see Charlie Brown play
 - iii. Winter 5th Grade Chorus Concert January 23rd
 - iv. 5th Grade Intramural Basketball going on now
 - v. Report Cards out for review
 - vi. Career Day coming up, get word out and get more participants. 3rd annual
 - vii. Update on Strategic planning-last Board meeting presented 2 modules that are being considered. Both include 5th grade going to a middle level. Keep 9-12 for High School model, which school is not decided yet. Most heated topic on committee, lots of passion, opinions, things to consider. January 22nd decision presented.
 1. Stephanie Falzarano asked how common 4-5 model would be-Mr. Burgos personal feeling it would lean more toward 5-6 model, so as not to be as drastic. We are very fortunate here that we are functioning with only 1 specials teacher on a cart without room, but other schools are more disrupted due to closure of trailers and over crowded, space is needed. No at upper admin wants to re-district, but needs to make it better for all students and into the future.
3. Voting Items-
 - a. November Meeting Minutes- Motion by Keri Ann Scott, second by Danielle MacKrell.
4. PTN Updates/Committee Reports
 - a. WinterFest-given by Danielle MacKrell- fun night, freezing but a good time. Had over 400 RSVPs, good feedback on pizza & Wholly Bowls. Thanks to small but mighty group of volunteers. New train with station that all liked. Letters to Santa went out, and he has responded.
 - b. Holiday Shop- Kids had fun, need someone to take over for next year. Made about \$2000, we don't usually expect to so nice surprise.

- c. Candy Bingo-January 7th & 8th. 2 session, 1 at 6pm, 2nd at 7pm. Free for PTN members, otherwise \$5 donation from family to go towards buying candy.
 - d. Penny Wars-same week as Candy Bingo, theme TBD, will also need chair for next year. Pennies are 1 point each, any silver or paper dollar counts as negative. Grade competition-winning gets pretzels, 2nd and 3rd get mini pretzels.
 - e. Holiday Grams-Being distributed either today or tomorrow, Grinch Grams tomorrow morning.
 - f. January Fundraisers
 - i. Mrs. Fields- 1/13-1/31- will be shipping to home
 - ii. Panera Night in Freehold 1/7 from 4-9pm
 - iii. Four Boys Sundae Kits: Orders start 1/6-1/27 and pick up at store on 1/30
 - g. Yearbooks- order by 12/31 for \$30 off, \$35 for 1/1-1/24. Cannot purchase past due date because they must be sent to print. 5th grade baby pictures needs to be in, and 4th grade may also need extra pages and set up dates for 4th grade class picture. If anyone is interested in helping next year, please talk to Nikki. In need of a shadow to start taking over.
 - h. Membership winner-Congratulations to Elizabeth M. for winning \$50 Amazon gift card. But membership is going on all year.
 - i. Daddy Daughter Dance- going to be a Saturday this year March 29th, times to be determined, maybe earlier time 4-6pm. Theme is The Greatest Showman
5. Open Positions for next Year:
- a. Holiday Shop Chair
 - b. Teacher Appreciation Chairs
 - c. Winterfest Co-Chair
 - d. Daddy Daughter Dance co-chair
 - e. Penny Wars Chair
 - f. Plant Sale Co-Chair
 - g. Book Fair Chair
6. There will be Board positions that will be opening for next year. Any questions please reach out to a Board Member. Anywhere from 3-7 positions. If you know anyone who if interested or able, we do this to make memories for the kids, add to their experience. This year has been a little difficult in getting parent participation, and we want to keep that going for all the kids. After proposal in January do an outreach and explain, tell what our needs will be.
7. Snowman Contest for January- anything non-perishable, made out of different materials, themes, etc. January 13th start bringing in, judging on January 30th.
8. Cinnabon is coming on Friday-send home with child or you can pick up. If not picked up they will be frozen and kept until after break.
9. Upcoming Dates reviewed.
10. Next Meeting January 13th, night meeting
11. Adjournment- Motion by Danielle MacKrell, 2nd by Nikki Wiese.