

## Elms Elementary School PTN

February 19, 2025

### General Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Stephanie Falzarano and welcome to all
- Reports:
  - Treasurer- given by Nikki Wiese. General Account Balance: \$25,594.19, Gaming Account Balance \$67,402.72
  - Corresponding Secretary-given by Jennifer Herkert-newsletter going out today
  - Principal-given by Mr. Burgos-fun things going on: just finished-snowman contest, Souper Bowl Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> ELL night, about 75 attended, went great. Thanks to Ms. Avila and Ms. Ovalles for coordinating. Congrats to Spelling Bee Finalists- Celine Sinton, Anastasia Divgun, Christian Mezzo, Vincent Mistretta and Brooklyn Bassano. Kicked off Pancake Breakfast for staff, great event would like to make yearly.
    - Staff Meeting on Friday to roll out things for Read Across America-spirit days for the week, 3 different assemblies for kids to get involved in sports minded events and answer questions on book they are reading.
    - Board of Ed meeting is tonight for vote, all waiting in anticipation for decision and what we will be doing going forward, any questions he is happy to answer.
      - If vote is no, can re-proposal happen in this same meeting? They commented last meeting that they cannot talk outside of Board meeting, so it is possible but not sure. Typically the recommendation would come from superintendent, and then board would vote.
      - Waiting for plan before arrangements for going forward can be made, what offered for 4<sup>th</sup> graders, other grades, etc.
      - Alicia Lasko asked if we know what will be happening to 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers-surveys will be going out asking about preferences in regards to positions for next year. Depending on answers, will then fall to Administration to make tough decisions. Already looking at losing 6-7 positions here at ELMS due to losing 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 1 class of 4<sup>th</sup>, etc.
- PTN Updates/Committee Reports
  - Snowman Decorating Contest winners:
  - Daddy Daughter Dance- given by Nikki Wiese. Will be 3/29, on Saturday 4-6pm. Planning underway, DJ booked, and invitations will be going out first week of March with RSVP of 3/14. Link for donations will go out. Yes to using cafeteria from Mr. Burgos. Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating is anyone can come to help. Saturday we will be here 2pm to set up day of. Looking for anyone interested in chairing this event going forward.
  - SouperBowl Can drive- thank you for all donations
  - Glow in the Dark Skating-40 spots left for this Friday. Rollerblades extra, maybe \$1, only about 40 of the walker help things, plan to get there early if needed.
  - Read-a-Thon- donations started on Monday. Working on Prize sheet, but lots of prizes. GCs for ice cream, McDonald's, etc. Trying to switch up the big prizes-electric scooter, karaoke machine, trip to American Dream Mall, etc. Tracker going up today so all can see progress. Pizza party for top classes.
  - Mom Son Night-first session is 2/28, sign up for donations is out if anyone can send something in.
  - Book Fair- all set for week of Read Across America, night event on 3/5. Will feature a DogMan table with all the books in the series and also some extras. Also new will be a modern classics section.
  - Read Across America Week-fun week of reading, kids always look forward to, like the reading train, etc.
  - Nomination Committee Process-looking for 3 volunteers to receive and track nominations, confirm with individual. At April meeting give list of nominations so they can be voted and approved. Vote on Committee in March.

- o Grants Awarded- Ms. Sendeki- clubs, Ms. Brenner- Oak Tree Nursery and Career Day, Brenner & Konopack for Green Team
  - All teacher volunteers get \$50 Amazon gift card for volunteering their time
- o Volunteers Needed for next year:
  - Blue Claws Chair\*-may not need
  - Book Fair Chair
  - Candy Bingo (Shadow for Next Year)
  - Carnival (Shadow for next year)
  - Catalog Sales (Shadow for Next Year)
  - Clothing Drive (Shadow for next year)
  - Daddy Daughter Dance Co-Chair (shadow for Next year)
  - Fall Festival (Shadow for Next Year)
  - Fourth Grade Celebration Chairs
  - Fourth Grade Moving up Chairs
  - Fourth Grade Class Shirts
  - Food Pantry Chair
  - Holiday Shop Chair
  - Penny Wars Chair
  - Picture Day Chair (Shadow for next year)
  - Plant Sale Co-Chair
  - Pre-K/Kindergarten Orientation Co-Chair
  - Read-a-Thon Co-Chair
  - Teacher Appreciation Co-Chairs
  - Trading Post Chair (Shadow for Next Year)
  - Trunk or Treat (Shadow for next year)
  - Yearbook Editor (Shadow for next year)
- We are looking to hold a committee “fair” for any parents to come and find out in more detail what each entails. Many different levels of involvement, many things can be done from home, can bring your younger ones if needed.
- Open Floor- any questions? Adjustment to Daddy Daughter is 3/29, Saturday.
- Motion to Adjourn- Alicia Lasko, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Nyman All in favor, meeting adjourned.