

# Elms Elementary School PTN

September 20, 2023

## General Meeting MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order by Co-President, Julie Nyman. Introductions were made by each Board Member: Julie Nyman, Stephanie Falzarano, Kristen Holman, Danielle MacKrell, Nikki Weise, KerriAnn Scott, Ashley Acevedo, Alexis Haber and Jennifer Herkert. Attendants were welcomed into the meeting.

2. Reports:

**Treasurer** - presented by Nikki Wiese; General Acct. - \$ 44,364.65, Gaming Acct. - 45,783.00 which did not include Back to School Night Gram deposits yet.

**Corresponding Secretary** - presented by Alexis Haber; September Newsletter went home with students.

**Principal** - presented by Mr. Michael Burgos. Welcomed attendants and thanked them for a great turn out. Elms continue to grow every year. We have had student enrollment increase from 660 last year to 725 this year. He introduced our new Vice Principal, Mr. Kevin McCann. He was a previous teacher and coach in the district. He worked in the Toms River School district for a time and is now glad to be back in Jackson.

Mr. Burgos spoke on Elms 3 main goals.

1. Reading Proficiency - Protecting 20 minutes every night to read with your child.
2. Developing School Community - proud to have a new ELL program back in our school run by Katie Bishoff.
3. Safety in the Building - Pawsitive Program - Tiger Leaders of the Month get caught doing something good in the building.

We have new Clubs this year sponsored by PTN Grants. Sign ups went out last week - Winter Basketball, 5th Grade Forestry Club - Fire Safety, BeeHive Grant. This is Elms 20th Anniversary and we look forward to opening and creating a new Time Capsule.

Teacher Liaison - no report

3. Voting Items:

Budget - Motion made by Kristen Holman, 2nd by Joanne Schiavone, all in favor, Approved.

June 2023 minutes - Motion made by Kristen Holman, 2nd by Danielle MacKrell, all in favor, Approved.

4. PTN Updates/Committee Reports

- Stay informed! Please join the Elms Facebook page (we can share pictures!), visit the Elms PTN website, and sign up for text reminders (text @elms35 to 81010).
- Membership- Join before October 1st and save \$5! Join before Nov. 30th to be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Thank you for all of the generous donations so far!

- Volunteers needed for: K, 1st, and MD photographer, Mom-Son Night co-chair, Pre-K and K Orientation co-chair
  - Summer Reading Rewards- ice pops for all students who participated and Raffle winners per grade. Logs due 9/22.
  - Cicconi Farms Fundraiser: 9/28-10/28. Bring flyers and Elms receive 10% back from your purchase.
  - No cost fundraisers: Box Tops, Ronald McDonald soda tabs
  - Food Pantry monthly collection in October - 5th Grade brings in canned goods, mom perishables and dog and cat food.
  - Gertrude Hawk- starts 10/9 and will be delivered the week of 12/4
  - Carvel/ Cinnabon Spirit Night 10/19 from 4-9pm
  - Winter Wonderland catalog sale- starts 10/20 and will be delivered the week of 12/4
  - Book Fair- Week of Oct. 23, sign ups to volunteer start 1st week of Oct. We have 3 a year. Funds raised go to support One School, One Book Initiative, Library Books and classroom books.
  - Halloween Smencils Sale- Oct. 16th- Oct. 23rd. Smencils will be distributed 10/30 to classrooms.
  - Fall Festival- Oct. 16th at Bullock Farms from 5-7:30. Ticket link and bake sale signup will be coming next week.
  - Trunk or Treat- Oct. 26, rain date Oct. 27, decorate 5:30-6:30, event 6:30-8:00 pm
  - Pumpkin decorating contest- Bring in pumpkins beginning 10/25. Judging takes place 10/30.
  - Bill Baker Family Photo Sessions: Signup links are available in our Facebook group and in Remind for 30 minute sessions in October, November and December.
5. Open Floor - no questions or concerns
  6. Adjournment - motion made by KerriAnn Scott, 2nd by Nikki Wiese, all in favor, Meeting adjourned.
  7. Upcoming Dates
    - 9/21- Tiger Trading Post
    - 9/22- Crazy Sock Day
    - 9/28-10/28- Cicconi Farms Fundraiser
    - 10/10-11/7- Gertrude Hawk fundraiser
    - 10/16-10/23 Halloween Smencils Sale
    - 10/16- Fall Festival at Bullock Farms
    - 10/18-PTN Meeting 9:30 am
    - 10/19- Tiger Trading Post
    - 10/19- Carvel/ Cinnabon spirit night 4-9pm
    - 10/20-11/3- Winter Wonderland catalog fundraiser
    - 10/26- Trunk or Treat (rain date 10/27)

- 10/23-10/27- Book Fair