



Elm Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

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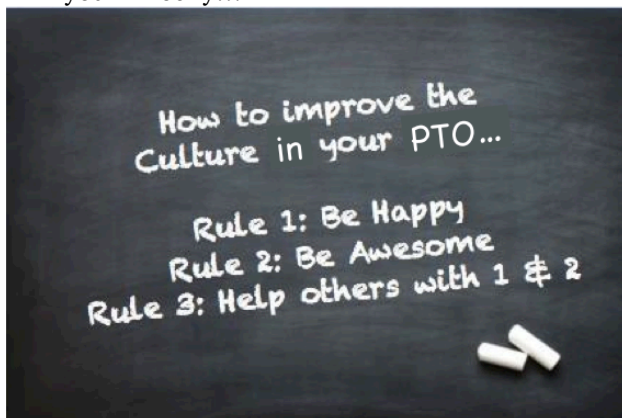
Date and Time	September 2, 2014, 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
Host	Catherine Dietrich
Location	Elm School Art Room
Web Meeting Link	If you can't join us in person at the school, join us over the web: https://join.me/ElmSchoolPTO
Conference Call	You can also join us over the phone: (860) 970-0010, Access Code: 515-982-962#

1. Call to Order

1:46 p.m. - Voted in last meeting minutes: 1st motion Catherine D, 2nd motion Dawn Woods, VP Ways & Means

2. Welcome and Introductions

- President Catherine Dietrich welcomed everyone back with school theme “Be the Best You”.
- I am so excited to see what we can do this year. We have a lot of talented, passionate, parents with a lot of energy, and a lot of experience. We also have whole new crop of awesome parents to engage. Let's stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us, do what works well, but let's not be afraid to try new things to improve what doesn't work well. I guess what I am saying is, “Be the best you”. If we can do that, the sky is the limit. A video was shown in “Here We Go”, by Big Block & Sing song.
<http://disneyjunior.com/watch/here-we-go-4f1c62ec7b7848a03ea12375>
- Recently friend of mine posted something to her LinkedIn page that really resonated with me – both professionally as a project manager and here as the PTO President. So I modified it just a bit to share with you all today...



- I promise to be happy and awesome, and to help others be happy and awesome. And in my quest to be happy and awesome, I also will do my very best to be responsive, creative, and supportive.
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3. Report of Officers, Principal and Faculty

President Catherine Dietrich

President-Elect Monique Thanos

- President: Catherine Dietrich & Monique Thanos attended the President Meeting on today 9:00 a.m.
- Update from District 181 Presidents' Meeting
- Hall-Pass Program: Security Program being piloted at Prospect School. A parent driver license would be submitted into the system before entering the main building; the high school does this now. This is all a part of secure the school;
- Language being offered throughout the district, Spanish, French & Madrid.
- Landscape proposal along with guidelines by 9/19.
- A Math Pilot program to go along with the Common Core.
- Each school will be involved in an Environment facilities survey.
- Family Resources will be having a meeting 9/19.
- Field trips are being supplied by D181 but the PTO will continue do their part.
- Elm will be hosting next President Meeting, Tuesday October 7, 2014.

VP Ways & Means Dawn Wood

- Dawn Woods, Parents Night out September 18, 2014 @ Scapia, Clarendon Hills. A letter was submitted to Village of Clarendon Hills, since we will be having a raffle.
- Rummage Sale 9/27.
- A year of exciting fundraisers and clipping away box tops.
- Boosterthon – money raised will go to new basketball goals.

VP Room Parents & Volunteers Cate Cook

- Room Parents SignUp Genius still open, and still need more volunteers.
- Room Parent Meeting to be scheduled, and aim to kick-off year well by communicating expectations up front.

VP SELAS & Programs Alisa Messana & Julie Bryant

- No update

VP Technology Erin Doppke

- New position, no update yet.

Treasurers Bhavani Ravi & Jen Donnan

- Bhavani Ravi had the baby. Good news!
- Welcome, Jen Donnan, new to Elm but not new to volunteering in a Parent Teacher Organization. Former PTA President, also been other key roles. Has a lot of previous experience.
- Budget will be posted monthly on the news bulletin at the school out the gym wall.

Secretaries Diane Ray & Sheri Shaker

- No update

Principal Jeana Considine

- Ms. Considine, Welcome us all with new theme "Be the Best You".
- Curriculum night 9/3 6pm.
- Teachers had a professional self-direct learning summer, by getting prepare for all 313 children in enrollment.



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- All staff being super positive and cooperative, even with space challenges.

MRC Director

Jill Berry

- Jill Berry, Director of the MRC (Library) already has 31 volunteers, and will have a volunteer kick-off meeting with volunteers.

4. Committee Reports for September 2, 2014

E-Mailed Reports:

Community Service

Maddie Schaik

- Rotary Run is the first event; I will be in contact with Ms. Rizzo this week regarding the all school Run.
- 5th grade Operation Support Our Troops (my favorite!!), 4th Grade Thanksgiving Drive and 1st Grade Toys for Tots to follow.

Junior Achievement

Tejal Mehta

- Back in the spring, Ms Considine had asked the teachers if they were interested - looks like only 2nd and 3rd grade teachers are interested for this year.
- I need to touch base with the JA director as to time frame (fall vs spring) and materials.
- So as soon as I get this all together, a flyer and updating the PTO website with JA info would be great!
- Also considering SignUp Genius.

Online Store

Monica Sehgal

- Successful first year – over \$6,000 in online sales! Easy, good experience.

Welcome Back Coffee

Stacy Kinnas

- This was Stacy's last year doing the Welcome Back Coffee, so we'll need a new person to take it on next year.
- It's a fun way to volunteer and help the PTO.

Live Reports:

Boosterthon

Erin Doppke

- Will be week of November 5-14, 2014.
- A video will be shown at curriculum night 9/3.
- Sponsor, parents needed for passing out water, the sponsor will be doing all the work.
- We will have a rally November 5, 1:30pm, parents welcome to come to support.

Communications

Catherine Dietrich (and others TBD)

- Hard copies of flyers for Bowser Notes need to be delivered in person to Mrs. Sharkey by noon on Fridays.
- Committee Chair People – Please update paper calendar of the wall in the school office. Mrs. Sharkey and Ms. Considine use it to update the Google calendar.
- Have identified a new parent who may take on Communications responsibilities.

Elm Garden

Liz Thornton

- Looking into shade structures for covering for the prairie garden patio and playground area, since the District picked up landscaping fees that the PTO was previously covered.
- She hoped that our landscaping budget would be able to cover the cost of the shade structures, but the estimates we received were a lot more than the \$5,000 we have to spend.



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- If anyone know someone please call the school. Currently now we are using umbrellas over the tabled areas.

Family Fun

Terri Millier, Dana Widrig, & Kelly Milne

- Family fun night will be on Friday, October 24, 2014.
- Dana Widrig and Kelly Short joining team to help plan and execute the event.

Health and Safety

Lena Shahbandar

- Still need additional help for Bike Safety Rodeo.

Junior Great Books

Sue Sproveri

- On track, 2nd and 3rd grade only, still collecting volunteers.

Science Expo

Sue Sproveri

- On track, have volunteers.

Special Lunch

Micah Tesseneer

- Have volunteers lined up.

Yearbook

Jen Donnan

- Jen Donnan, we need photographer & photos throughout the year.
- We are trying to have each child photo at least 3-5 times in the book, all by March 1, 2015.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- Elm School Open Gym Events at Flying High (Catherine Dietrich)

7. Adjourn