



Elm Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

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Date and Time	October 7, 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#

- **Call to Order at 1:48**

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Catherine Dietrich welcomes Grace Yang who will be handling communications, social media and our website!

- **Report of Officers, Principal and Faculty**

President Catherine Dietrich

President's meeting highlights

- Elm school is a Title 1 school, but we are not getting as much as we expected this year. Ms. Considine is following up to see why there was a change and determine the impacts to the programs we offer Title 1 kids. These funds help fund tutoring before and after school we are working on getting more funds that are needed.
- Reading, Math, and SELAS goals are being implemented in the classroom through tiers of learning; everyday, success building, and specific to learning.
- District 181 PTO President Collaboration –
 - The District will investigate how they may be able to collect permission to have family and student contact information in the PTO school directories, and what is required from a legal perspective to do so. The District wants to be the single source of data, so they could provide a standard file for all schools to use when they create their directories. Would be a big time saver to get a clean cut of data as a starting point for PTOs.
 - Some schools are getting local business to sponsor directories, programs, and events. The District will consult their legal team to inquire about guidelines for PTOs – how to ensure we're doing this appropriately. Meanwhile the Presidents of PTOs who are getting sponsors will share what they are getting sponsors for and how much they are charging. Would be good to learn from one another and try to be consistent since we may be hitting the same businesses for sponsors.
 - Other PTOs struggle with selling/providing school supplies to students. Ms. Considine and Mrs. Sharkey do that for Elm, but the District is looking at this challenge and determining if a more standard approach should be rolled out. Not likely, but we'll see. All Presidents will share vendor information if they like their vendors.

President-Elect

Monique Thanos

- No report.

VP Ways & Means

Dawn Wood

- PNO at Scapa was a success a nice event for building friendships with Elm school families.
- Rummage sale is a WIN-WIN fundraiser people clean out their homes, and Elm makes money through these donations.
- Thanks to all that volunteered and donated items for the sale!
- Box top collection coming up soon.

VP Room Parents & Volunteers

Cate Cook

- There was head room parent meeting and main points of handbook were explained.
- Everyone was told to reach out the other sub-committee members in their classroom as well as the teachers.
- We are still looking for Head Room Parents for DeRose's class as well as Johnson's class.

VP SELAS & Programs

Alisa Messana & Julie Bryant

- Model for SELAS this year (be the best you) we are paired up with the district for the monthly themes.
- Elm will be hosting a month in the near future so more information to follow.



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VP Technology

Erin Doppke

- Working on getting technology information from faculty to parents.
- What is the next step into doing that?
- More to follow soon.

Treasurers

Bhavani Ravi & Jen Donnan

- PNO grossed \$2,200.00, and Rummage Sale \$4,300!
- We had budgeted to make \$4,000 for our fall fundraisers, so we are exceeding our expectations.
- We had to buy additional iPads for additional 5th graders and teachers, but we are OK with that.
- Financially we are doing well.

Secretaries

Diane Ray & Sheri Shaker

- No report.

Principal

Jeana Considine

- Our school space issue is being discussed, but we can still function.
- Stress safety in the car pool line especially pick up after school.
- Happy to be here at Elm!

MRC Director

Jill Berry

- Our next (PTO funded) author visit is Barb Rosenstock Nov.18th parents are welcome!

• Committee Reports for October 7, 2014

Communications

Grace Yang

- Please "like us" on Facebook!
- Adding items to website, so please keep her in the loop for all your PTO communication needs!

Elm Garden

Liz Thornton

- Board meeting on Oct. 27th will know if the district is picking the playground mulch.
- Currently the district is picking our weeding, other mulch areas, and mowing.

Family Fun

Terri Miller, Dana Widrig, & Kelly Milne

- October 24th – Game Night, 5:30-8:00 PM in the Gym
- Look for pizza order form in Bowser Notes

Fundraising: Restaurant Events

Kristin Kentra

- Giordano's night was a success Elm made \$182.50 which is 15% of the total.
- The Patio is scheduled for Oct. 30th, and Buffalo Wild Wings for Nov.25th.

• Old Business

Actively seeking a soccer club Monday, and Wednesday after school.

• New Business

Ramping up Annual Fundraiser – Looking for volunteers to help, especially with the auction.

Open Gym Days at Flying High in Countryside

- Monday, November 24 - Thanksgiving week, which is the same day as parent-teacher conferences and Book Fair.
- Monday, December 22 - First Monday of winter break
- Both events are 11:00-2:00 \$15.00 prepay, or \$20.00 at the door, and include a pizza lunch.
- A great opportunity to get your kids out of your hair for three hours!
- Watch for information on the website and in Bowser Notes in November.

• Adjourn at 2:55

Notes submitted this 7th of October by (sherishaker@comcast.net).