



Elm Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

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Date and Time	February 3, 2015, 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

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Report of Officers, Principal and Faculty

President Catherine Dietrich

Update on Casino Royale event –

- Still taking donations and sponsorships
- Looking for wine donations
- Please come!

President-Elect Monique Thanos

Working with Nomination Committee to recruit VPs and Committee Chairs for next year

VP Ways & Means Dawn Wood

Great success with Box Tops this year – keep them coming!

VP Room Parents & Volunteers Cate Cook

Valentine Day is next week. No outside food/candies. Popsicles of strawberry & lemon the food ingredients will go out in bowser notes on 2/6/2015.

VP SELAS & Programs Alisa Messana & Julie Bryant

Parents please read all information from SELAS for they are doing a wonderful job in teaching the children “how to get along with everyone”.

VP Technology Erin Doppke

Technology update next time.

Treasurers Bhavani Ravi & Jen Donnan

Treasurers Bhavani Ravi & Jen Donnan; they are requesting that all receipt be reported within a timely manner. Bhavani was on call.

Secretaries Diane Ray & Sheri Shaker

No update

Principal Jeana Considine

Administration is moving out of building to give ELM School more room for students and classes. PARC TESING replacing ISAT will be 1st weeks of March 2015. Testing/Piloting will be at ELM school for PARC on LAPTOPS, this is the first time the states will try this. She & technology department from the board are still working together on the handling/process of new IPADS for incoming 5th grader 2015-2016 school year. Erin Doppke is working diligently on this.

MRC Director Jill Berry

MRC Director Jill Berry; Thanking PTO once again for donations. One book/one school this year will have a little mystery game attached to it.

4. Committee Reports



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Evening Fundraiser Catherine Dietrich/Christina Coate

Casino Royale; invitation went out 2/2/2015: Support from family, friends and business would be really appreciated in making this a success! Saturday March 7, 2015.

Junior Achievement Tejal Mehta (e-mail update)

A has been completed. Sounds like everything went well. 3rd grade teachers liked the 3 - 45min session schedule. Parent volunteers enjoyed seeing the kids engaged in the JA activities. Ms Considine may have gotten additional feedback from the teachers. If possible we would like to get 2nd grade involved. If not this year, then maybe next year.

Chess Club Terri Miller (e-mail update)

Upcoming tournament in February.

Community Service Maddie Schaik (e-mail update)

I'm working on the final community service projects; 3rd grade Pennies for Paws and 2nd grade Ronald McDonald House collections. The Walk for Autism is the last event, end of April/beginning of May, which is run by the Community House. The Ronald McDonald House is new this year, it replaces the Book worm collection; the book collection last year didn't go well.

I would like to schedule a time for us to either meet or talk over the phone regarding next year's Community Service and trying to find someone to take over. I think we need to rethink some of Community Service projects. Collections have been way down this year, especially the Toys for Tots. Some of the teachers have mentioned gearing the community service projects to be more hands on, instead of just a collection.

Junior Great Books Sue Sproveri

The program is need of dedicated help or we may not be able to offer it. Space is a challenge, too. Training class is included for volunteer parents.

Science Expo Sue Sproveri

A wonderful turnout 147 students participated!

Yearbook Jen Donnan

Asking all parents to download pictures no later than March 2015. Will also ask for help with "tagging" students in photos.

5. Old Business

New Soccer Club – Next Steps

6. New Business

Nomination Committee for 2015-2016 School Year
Looking for new volunteers . Please come join us!

7. Adjourn