

Elm Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

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Date and Time	September 9, 2016, 8:45am
Location	Elm School
Host	Trista Negele – President
Attendees	Trista Negele, Reca Mikaili, Kristen Kentra, Francesca Medrano, Leena Shahbandar, Bhavani Ravi, Natalie Nekludoff, Alisa Messana, Meeta Patel, Dawn Wood, Jill Berry, Jeana Considine

1. **Call to Order – 8:45am**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Approval of Minutes**

President/President-Elect	Trista Negele
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PTO Presidents' meeting

- HMS Referendum
 - will appear on ballot in November
 - PTO as an organization has no position on the issue (prohibited from passing out literature on school property, etc.) but members may take a position as individual citizens
 - Look for an upcoming opportunity to tour HMS
- Rotary Run in October will give \$150 to phys ed departments of d181 schools with minimum participation
- HMS has new curriculum director and is looking for new curriculum committee members
- The Hinsdale Village Caucus is seeking candidates for April 4, 2017 election- 2 School Board seats are up for re-election. See website for more details
- Presentation of Madison's WeCreate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math) Learning Studio- a hands on learning lab that supports and enhances science in the classroom
 - Strong, positive reaction from attendees and discussion around rolling this out at Elm this year
- Nordic Energy will give a \$50/year rebate to d181 for every person who switches over

Parents Mixer	Rika Mikaili
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- Parents mixer September 29th at Myths and Legends Brewing Company with contests and prizes
- Request Gopi to ask room parents to send email promoting class teams
- 5th Ave Cab will be available as a transportation option
- Everyone is encouraged to purchase tickets in advance on the PTO website

Fundraising	Dawn Wood
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- Elm rummage sale on 9/17
- Need donations dropped off on 15th and 16th
 - Looking for volunteers to sign up for 2 hour shifts- sign up link on PTO website
 - Bonus: If you volunteer for two shifts you get to pre buy items before the public sees them on Saturday!



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- Catalog Sale coming next
- First box top collection around Halloween
- Flying High Events scheduled for Thanksgiving Break and Columbus Day

VP Room Parents & Volunteers	Gopi Ahuja
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- Room Parents meeting in teacher's lounge Friday, 9/16 at 2:15pm

VP SELAS & Programs	Alisa Messana & Julie Bryant
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- "PAWS" promoting calm classroom exercises to create mindfulness
- Guest speaker Tara Greer coming next month

Treasurer	Bhavani Ravi
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- \$4,000.00 given to MRC
- Currently have about \$94,000.00 to cover expenses for upcoming year
- Be sure to save receipts from purchases if you want to be reimbursed
- Check to the PTO website for reimbursement procedures
- Tax Exempt Letter is not online. Get it from the office or Bhavani will email it to you
- Can drop deposits (cash or check) in the office

Principal	Jeana Considine
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- Looking forward to the start of a great year
- Teacher committee formed to purchase outdoor mini lending library as a memorial for Linda Dywer
- Elm is a Targeted Title I School- provides supplemental educational services to eligible children identified as having the greatest need for special assistance
- Elm has hired an additional RTI tutor this year to provide support in math and reading

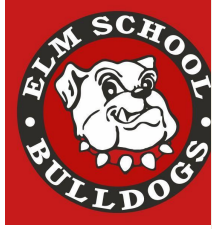
MRC Director	Jill Berry
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- Author Tom Watson visiting today (9/9)
- Next Author visit on 11/3- David Biedrzycki

4. Committee Reports

Destination Imagination	Meeta Patel
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- Strong need for parent volunteers
- Discussed possibility of recruiting high school seniors to help



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Health and Safety	Lena Shahbandar
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- Bike Rodeo was a great success! 30+ participants

Landscaping	Dave Konsoer
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- Planning to plant bulb garden this fall and tie it to the curriculum

Science Expo	Natalia Nekludoff
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- Date set for February 2nd, in process of finalizing judges and choosing registration deadline (possible online registration this year)

Special Lunch	Monica Guttman
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- 199 paying students and 16 more recently joined
- Sign up is still open and prices will be prorated

PTO Membership/Directory	Kristin Kentra
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- Please help spread the word that in order to get access to the A to Z Online Directory and get a free printed directory, parents must join the PTO for \$20
- Kristin checking if there is a way to find out if you already paid for your membership without having to email Cathy

Yearbook	Jen Donnan
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- Please purchase your yearbook through Tree Ring. Discount if you order through the end of October/early November

5. **Old Business**
6. **New Business**
7. **Adjourn**