

Elma Primary PTO

November 7, 2024

Regular Membership Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 6:16 pm by Tara Kazmark

*Next meeting will be January 9, 2025 at 9:15 am (change from district calendar)

Principal Report:

- October was great! Had a lot of events like the book fair, fall festival, Halloween dance, Halloween parade/parties, UPK trunk-or-treat (all of these events went really well and had a great turnout)
- First trimester is almost over and on December 4th report cards will be sent home with students
- Parent teacher conferences will begin on December 5th
- Warm clothing drive has ended for Danny's Helping Hands which will be picked-up tomorrow
- Veterans toiletry drive has begun and will continue through next week
- Last week in November (18-22) will be the Can Food Drive that the student government and PTO are hosting
- Holiday Sing-a-Longs are happening on December 17th with K & 1st performing at 9:15 and 2nd & 3rd performing at 1:30

Teacher Report: Kristin Forgione absent due to an appointment

Treasurer Report: Jenn Leumer had a handout about the budget and current spending. Nobody had any questions but if you do, please reach out to her at elmaprimarypto@gmail.com.

President Report:

- Upcoming Events
 - Gratitude Tea has been postponed. Had 3 events this past month and decided to move it to a later date in the spring
 - 3rd Grade will be having a Thanksgiving Dinner on Monday, November 25th from 1:45-3 pm (room parents will be reaching out for donations/supplies)
 - Have students pack a light lunch that day!
 - \$1 Hat Day Coming up on Tuesday, November 26th – 25% donated to Danny's Helping Hands
 - Santa Secret Shop is December 6th and this does include UPK
 - Holly Hanging at the High School on December 16th (does not include UPK)
 - Elma Primary Holiday Spirit Week for the week of the 16th
 - Holiday Sing-A-Long concerts on December 17th
 - Morning concert (9:15) for grades K-1st and Afternoon (1:30) for 2nd – 3rd
 - UPK will come and watch the performances
 - Polar Express Day – Friday, December 20th – Room Parents will be sending out information

- Fall Fundraiser Updates
 - Spirit Wear is currently happening and orders are due November 15th
 - Five Below fundraiser from Nov. 8-17 (10% of sales donated to the PTO) Just bring the flyer to any buffalo location to participate
- Winter Fundraisers
 - 12 Days of Gift Cards – Flyers will be sent home
 - VIP seating for Sing-a-long concerts – 4 seats per grade (flyer will be sent home on how to purchase)
 - Super Bowl Squares – any volunteers to run this? This will be done in January and maybe advertise on Facebook
 - Meat Raffle – February 22nd
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Book Fair Update – Brittany shared that the bookfair went really well. Thank you to everyone to shopped and helped with this event. We were able to earn over \$3200 in scholastic dollar which will be used towards teacher requests for flexible seating in the classroom. Next book fair is for April 22 along with the Art Show.
 - 12 Days of Gift Cards- Jessica, Allie, and Ashley. Ashley reported that things are going well and currently have about 20 to 25 gift cards lined up. She does need help next week with picking up some from businesses due to being out of town. Going to sell tickets as buy 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. CheddarUp will be used to purchase and you will be assigned a number(s). Can win multiple times/days. On November 18th a flyer will be sent home.
 - Santa's Secret Shop – Updates were given by Jess Milazzo who will be sending out a group message to those who have agreed to help her. There will be a SignUp Genius sent out to help with setting up and running this event during the school day. We will need a lot of volunteers.
- **Misc./New Business**
 - Garden clean-up crew is needed out front. Please email the pto if this is something you are interested in volunteering to do.
 - Restaurant night out fundraisers – something Amanda will look into since the majority at the meeting thought it was a good and easy way to raise money (Chick-fil-A, TSG, Panera, etc)
 - Lauren Cashmore attended and spoke about the II playground information and the fundraising she is doing. This effort is part of the Red Hawk nest flyer that was sent home.

Adjourned by Tara Kazmark at 7:05 pm