

Elma Primary PTO

January 9, 2025 – 9:15 am

Regular Membership Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 9:18 am by Angie Woodworth

Principal Report:

- It was a busy December at Elma Primary. Thanks to all the families for their support in all the December events/activities
- Santa Secret Shop was a success seeing all the older kids helping the younger ones shop
- Holly Hanging at the high school is happening on Monday – rescheduled due to the snow days
- Had a good first week back. Students will only have outside recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees
- Weather Station is being installed today outside of Mrs. Paryz's room
- Don't forget the holidays this month when school is closed. MLK Day is Monday, January 20th and Lunar New Year is Wednesday, January 29th
- Family Support Center is up and running for our district. This is possible due to a grant that the district received. Julia, who is the director, spoke at the meeting.
 - She shared that they offer counseling, mental health and financial support to families and students in UPK – 12th grade. Also help with homelessness, food, and clothing. Help with mental, substance, and tutoring needs. Can do in person meetings or over the phone. Have partnered with other agencies such as Horizon's Health Clinic which comes 1 day a week on the main campus. In May, the center is hosting a family fun day.

Teacher Report: Kristin Forgione shared that the staff is thankful for the bouncy seat feet (alternative seating) that the PTO purchased. Mrs. Domino would like 3 for her classroom.

Treasurer Report:

- Jenn Leumer passed out the budget report. She highlighted that hat day brought in \$126 and VIP Raffle Seating brought in \$605. Also that Santa Secret Shop is still working on numbers. Any questions about APEX money, you can reach out to her since she did a breakdown of where the money has been used. Also, Elma Primary PTO donated \$1000 to the Red Hawks Nest which is equivalent to \$2000 (matching any donation).

President Report:

- Meat Raffle is our next big fundraiser.
 - Lori Gates spoke at the meeting about flyers going home on Monday and that a Sign-Up Genius will be sent out for volunteers/shifts/and donations. There will be a liquor basket raffled off. Looking for some big items as well to raffle if anyone has any contacts. Last year the raffled off items brought in \$900. Brandy shared that Bert's Bike will donate a 16 or 20 inch bike to raffle. Ticket prices are \$15 each or \$105 for 8 (table). Can purchase by cash, check, or CheddarUp which is live on our Facebook page. Doing a Gift Card Board as well. This is an adult only event. Tickets will be backpacked home and everyone needs to fill out a form no matter which payment method. Any questions reach out to the PTO email or call Lori Gates at 716-628-5534.

- 12 Days of Gift Cards brought in \$3670/ Spirit Wear fundraiser brought in \$450/ Super Bowl squares brought in \$2000
- Wellness week is the week of February 2nd and the gym teachers provide activities in gym class
- Yearbook will increase in price this year to \$11.40 with no profit to the school – not a fundraiser
- 3rd grade picnic is May 30th at Elma Meadows Park
- Spring events include a Spring Fling Dance on Friday, March 28th and the Book Fair/Art Show/Basket Raffle on April 22nd and Cookies and Canvas event on May 16th

Committee Reports: No reports

Miscellaneous/New Business:

- Flooring for the Gaga Ball Pit – Greg Spiess and PTO looking into options
- Gratitude Tea is being tabled and will not be rescheduled
- Next meeting is February 13th at 6:15

Adjourned by Angie Woodworth at 10:08 am