

Eagle Bluff Elementary PTO Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025
6:30 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Elizabeth W, Haley F, Erin K, Jamie T, Todd Saner, Christine Stolz, Liz Ziegler, Heather Bartels, Kaylee Olson, Jolene Anderson, Allison & Lee Kashdan,
Justina Gemignani

Zoom: Mary Schams

II. Administrative Report (Todd Saner)

Our school report card was released last week. Eagle Bluff gained in achievement, but lost some in the Target Group so we went down slightly. Overall our school is rated at “significantly exceeds expectations.” As in the past, math is stronger for us, but we are hoping the new ELA curriculum will show some positive impacts on ELA scores in coming years.

III. Teacher Report

Christine Stolz: Thank you for the battle of the books being purchased every summer. It is great to have the books on hand at the beginning of the year. There are 43 students who are interested and reading for Battle of the Books. Meetings are in December, January and February. Mrs. Stolz also works with leadership students and has just launched with fifth grade leadership students working with kindergarteners. An additional group of leadership students (25) helps with students in the morning– getting breakfast, outside to recess etc.

4K is working on feelings.

Kindergarten: In the last CKLA unit, our ML teacher collaborated with kindergarten teachers to have home language versions of stories available to students and they have been so happy to be able to listen to them. (Hmong, Arabic and maybe others)

First Grade: Mr. Barton came into help with the wrap-up of their last CKLA unit celebration. He read a version of Three Little Pigs. Students also did some writing and were proud of their work.

Second grade is just starting science and using Mystery Science for the first time so they are excited about that!

3rd grade is also using Mystery Science. They have been classifying fossils. The “critter mobile” from the Nature Place is coming with some animals and fossils later this week to wrap-up their unit.

4th and 5th grade: Heather mentioned that Shannon Koebler came for math last

week which was phenomenal professional development. Two weeks ago in fifth grade they wrapped up their unit on different ancient civilizations by sampling food from the different civilizations. Next week they will have a Poetry Cafe. Parents will be able to come and students will share some of their poetry from their recent poetry unit.

Lastly, fifth graders had a meaningful Veteran's Day presentation followed by gratitude letter writing. They had 2 Army Veterans and 2 Navy Veterans visit and speak and then fifth graders wrote letters of gratitude to Veterans practicing formatting a letter, addressing an envelope etc.

IV. Treasurer Report (Jamie)

a. October Snapshot

- \$37,000 PTO donation to Eagle Bluff for the walking path was approved by the school board
Mr. Saner reported the walking path will be started in the spring with the colder weather coming now.

Jamie gave a brief update on the budget but everything is on track based on our planned budget for the year. A few recent donations include field trip assistance (4th grade) and Camp-In reading night.

V. Past Event Recaps

a. Dining Night Out, 11/7 at Chuck E. Cheese (Elizabeth)

- Unofficial total of \$660
The fundraiser was great and parents reported it was very busy mid-evening.

b. Camp-In Reading Night (Mary/Elizabeth)

- What went well
Record Breaking attendance: 309/470 students (plus families) attended!

Families loved the activities!

The gym was a great addition especially with so many people in attendance.

Families loved the books all around the building so they could go home with more than one book.

Thank you Mary and staff for all you did to make this another amazing event!

- Things to consider for next year

-Numbers of supplies for craft etc: we ran out of canvas bags so we will plan for more for next year. Mary mentioned planning for 325 students next year.

-The entrance was an issue/getting everyone checked in and having students wait to get in the door etc. So maybe we use more than one entrance next year to get people in and separate out or consider doing check-in outside the doors if it is nice.

-Classroom for getting books: have a classroom where there are separate doors to go in and out

A classroom with an entrance and exit for getting books to keep things less congested.

-Books: the bracelet idea was great to reduce the number of people waiting in line for books, however different color bracelets within a family was a little challenging. Maybe give each family one color of bracelets or just give them a big “golden” ticket for a set time. (Different colored paper for different times– kind of like the bracelet but just one per family.)

-Bingo: it was very crowded in the hallway waiting for the 10 minute time periods, however Elizabeth mentioned sometimes there were very few participants in the room. (More people were waiting in the hallway than in the room at times.)

-More runners this year than normal– something to consider before next year.

- Parking-

- a. At least 1 family said they parked in Mayo Clinic!

-Make sure there is a sign letting people know they can park up above as there was no sign out.

VI. Upcoming Event Updates

a. Holiday Cookie Hoopla, Dec 5th (Erin/Elizabeth)

Every child gets a cookie to decorate. They get frosting and sprinkles to decorate. Sprinkles are dye-free this year. The cookies will be from Festival and allergy friendly cookies likely will be from Omega Bakery.

- PreK on Dec 4th? As they have no school on December 5th

- Slight schedule change from previous years

- 8:45-9:05 2nd Grade
- 9:20-9:40 1st Grade
- 10:15-10:35 3rd Grade

- 1:15-1:35 Kindergarten
- 1:45-2:05 4th Grade
- 2:35-2:55 5th Grade

A sign-up genius will be going out for parent volunteers for the event.

b. Dining Night Out @ McDonald's

Heather said it is go! (Todd took to guiding coalition and staff was supportive!) Heather is confirming a January date.

Lee mentioned that having 3 huge signs (and people holding) will help with traffic etc.

c. Science Fair (Elizabeth), 1/22

- Interested in judging? Email eaglebluffpto@gmail.com
It is more informal science fair, information will be coming home in December for those who want to start their projects early.
- Judges are mostly National Honor Society kids, area professionals, and sometimes parents

d. Read For The Record, 2/26 (Liz Ziegler)

A big celebration– everyone across the world reads the same book.
Jumpstart organization organizes it in support for early literacy.

The school usually has a whole school activity (small writing activity etc) for a bulletin board for school.

Mary had suggested a special reader come in and also to do some seed planting so every student can take home.

We talked about the event being held during the day as in past years because of the timing (February 26) is tricky with PTC and concerts in the surrounding weeks.

Some ideas were to contact GROW (organization related to gardening), planting with buddies, reading the book as a whole group or in classrooms (book or youtube recording of author reading?) etc

PTO is willing to support and do sign-up genius etc too if volunteers are needed.

Other Items:

Kaylee mentioned that the Teacher Raffle at the dance two years ago was something teachers enjoy and are more than willing to offer (Teacher Experience Raffle.) We did not do this last year as we have moved away from the dance being a fundraiser, but could consider still doing the teacher experience raffle. If so we need to purchase a raffle licence.

Erin mentioned what about as a possibility for prize options, like for Walk & Roll Prizes next year? (Haley– Or could we even use some as Bingo Prizes for our Spring Bingo event?)

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Next meeting: December 15th, 6:30pm in person or on Zoom.