

Elms Elementary School PTN
September 16, 2026
General meeting minutes

- Meeting called to order by Danielle MacKrel(President): welcome everyone,please cont. to help us build a community of support and growth for the children at Elms. The new board was introduced as well. Co-Vice Presidents: Lorena Macalincag & Alex O'Leary, Co-Treasurers: Jen Wagner & Jessica Colasi, Recording Secretary: Kristen Wienbarg, Corresponding Secretary: Cori O'Malley and Vice President of Fundraising: Skye DeLauro.
- Reports:
 - Treasurer: given by Jess Colasi, General Account=\$42,414.37 and Gaming Account=\$50,460.22. The two accounts were explained, general has fundraising money and gaming has the funds for class support, field trips. Money was made at back to school night-\$4,186. Some outgoing fund as of now are planners/folders-\$631.59, Back to school breakfast for teachers \$300, classroom support-\$389.16
 - Corresponding Secretary :given by Cori O'Malley, Cori explained her position's connection between teachers, students and parents. In charge of the tiger tribune. One thank you note received by Ms. Villecco thanking PTN for help with one book one school
 - Principal: Mr. Burgos spoke first. He stated back to school nights went well. There was a low turn out in younger grades suspects due to orientation so close to back to school night. He has an open door policy so please reach out with any concerns/questions you may have. He wants to support students' character development. Please be patient at drop off and pick up student safety is important.Thank you for the teachers breakfast, teachers appreciated it. Mr. Nye was also present at the meeting. Happy to be working at Elms and is looking forward to another great year. Thanks to PTN for all the support. Discussed the importance of academics and Elms scoring the highest in the district. The district goal this year is to improve attendance. Elms will start with a race to 10 challenges. 10 days full attendance in a class given price. Please encourage kids to come to school however if a child is sick please keep them home.
- Voting Items:
 - Budget: Jessica reviewed the budget sheet for the meeting. The goal in the budget is to have more coming in then going out. The budget is set over the summer based on the previous year. Any changes made will be voted on during the year. Motion to pass budget made by Cori O'Malley, second Alex O'Leary, approved by all.
- PTN Updates/Committee Reports:
 - Stay informed, follow PTN on facebook, remind, website and instagram. Become a member -help the school by donating and volunteering. Able to vote on discussions
 - Summer reading logs due 9/18 K-4 5 books over the summer, kids given a popsicle and a book, possible kickball game as well.
 - Class shirts: provided by PTN, sizes needed for all students. Used for field trips, field day

- Teacher supplies: amazon wishlist online for parents to donate. PTN to purchase extra if needed
- Fall festival: 9/24 at Bullock farms, \$15 for entry-hayride, pumpkin activities. Food truck and bake sale available.
- School Cents Program: new fundraiser this year. Run at Freehold Mall. Download app. 10 schools in the program, no matter where we place, receive donations to school. Upload receipts. In second place now.
- Spiritwear: link sent out 9/30 runs for 3-4 weeks. Sent home with a child.
- Bill Baker photo sessions: fundraiser. Local photographer. Donates \$25 back to school. Link for sign up sent out.
- Gertrude Hawk: fundraiser. First week of Oct delivered to school.
- Book fair: Oct. 19-23rd, teachers sign up and then sign up for parents will be sent out, open during trunk or treat
- Trunk or Treat: 10/23 prizes for best trunks, need a co-chair and shadow for the event. no cost for event, donate bag of candy. Cori to co chair event
- Pumkin Decorating Contest: no carving or food on pumpkins. Prizes given out 10/14 to 10/22
- Volunteers are always needed, please reach out to the board to help.
- Open Floor: questions about bake sale for fall fest. Next PTN meeting 10/14 9:15
- Adjournment: motion made by Alex O'Leary 2nd by Cori O'Malley