

Elm Creek Elementary



Helping Our Students Soar!

May 10, 2016

6:30PM

Media Center

Welcome

Meeting Success Guide

Introductions *In attendance: Kasey Miller (Secretary), Krystal Culliton (President), Emily McMullin (Vice President), Deziree Klema (Treasurer), Beth Ness (Principal), Sarah Sticha (Dance), Randi Holtz (5th Grade)*

Principal's Report *"Mrs. Ness' Notes" is available on the Elm Creek webpage (Click PARENTS > PTO > MEETING MINUTES AND MRS. NESS' NOTES). Principal Ness also shared about a grant she earned for Elm Creek to provide a field trip to Eastman Nature Center for every class next school year, she is applying for a grant from "Green Fund" for transportation costs. Shared a brief update on the MN School of Excellence status, usually takes 2 years to achieve status after evaluations and suggested changes are made.*

Volunteer News *Noted in "Mrs. Ness' Notes"*

General Update

Updated Bylaws *Discussed changes made and approval of new bylaws, viewable at <http://schools.district279.org/ec/images/stories/EC/doc/PTO/pto-bylaws-updated.pdf>*

Treasurer/Financial Updates

Osseo Fire Department Donation *Received notification of \$500, have yet to receive check.*

iPads *60 iPads (4 per K, 1, 2, & 4 classroom) were presented to classroom teachers after their 3/29 staff meeting. Plan in place for 2016-2017 to purchase 15 iPads for the Media Center and 1 more for each classroom.*

Approved Requests *1st grade stability balls, Camp Baldwin, Media Center ebooks, Family Fun Event, Focus Room equipment, Staff Appreciation week, Kindergarten subscriptions.*

2016-2017 Budget Review *Current budget available on Elm Creek webpage (Click PARENTS > PTO > FINANCIAL REPORTS)*

Event Updates

Dine2Donate - Café Zupas *Earned \$214.22. Will host 2 times next year, once in Fall and Spring. Hope to book Chipotle for Winter.*

Fun2Raise Calendars – *Compilation of dates from ISD 279, PTO, and Elm Creek classroom. Free to all families, funded by advertising from local businesses.*

Carnival *Earned \$8,562.67 between games, food, auction, and raffle.*

Games

Food *Ice cream bars from Cullen's (new this year) were successful, sold out at 7:40PM.*

Silent Auction *Earned approximately 3,600.*

TV Raffle *Huge success, earned approximately \$850 after cost of TV.*

Teacher Appreciation Week *Received many thanks for a fun week, in particular that all staff were included and treats were well paced so all had a chance to stop in with varying lunch/break times.*

Upcoming Events

Family Reading Night & Scholastic BOGO Book Fair 5/24/16 *BOGO is earned by having 2 full Book Fairs, PTO elects to use earned Scholastic dollars from those events to provide the free books to families.*

Open House 8/30/16 *Will have food truck available to families again. PTO will be placed in a more visible location with a tri-fold presentation board showing how we fundraise, events we host, and ways we support the school with funds.*

“Be A Piece of Elm Creek” 10/3/16 *Station style “meet & greet” event for families to see areas they can get involved at Elm Creek. This will be a joint event with PTO and the volunteer coordinator. Possible be outside for children to play on the playground. Opportunity to invite families to check out new basketball hoops.*

Conferences & Scholastic Book Fair 10/6/16, 10/11/16, and 10/13/16

Apex Fun Run 10/17/16 - 10/28/16 *Ideas for using earned funds: PTO funded field trips, updated playground equipment (adaptive), updated ECTV equipment, support for specialists (P.E., Music, G.E., etc), support for Special Ed. Teacher suggestion to give 10% back to each grade level rather than individual classrooms as most chose to pool their earnings anyhow.*

Looking Ahead

New meeting schedule *Reviewed proposed dates for next year, changes to be made. Plan to have 3 general meetings and 3 board meetings for 2016-2017. Adding 30 minutes to each meeting time to make up for less overall meetings.*

Thank you to our valued members, volunteers, and supporters