



**Elm Street School
PAC Meeting Agenda**

*Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 7:00pm
Elm Street School Media Center*

- I. Welcome, Acceptance of May minutes & Reminders - *Alison Morra, Sam Flaherty*
 - A. *Accepted May minutes for 2025*
 - B. *Review of goals - efficiency, transparency, community*
 - C. *Review of events from last year*

- II. Principal's Update - *Jen Buller*
 - A. *Explain process of afterschool enrichment as a lottery this year instead of first come first serve to make it a bit more fair this year - keep it open for the time we have it and then a true lottery to fill the spots. Any classes that kids got closed out of - robotics, drama club, - wait lists and movement off of wait list. Will prioritize those kids next lottery cycle.*
 - B. *Battle of the Books- 24 teams announced today - kickoff next Thursday*
 - C. *Reminder about school council- handles school improvement plan -goals and action steps- meets 5-6 times a year. These are open public meetings. Anyone can go to these meetings and learn about curriculum at the school. Opening for two slots two year term. Election will be held after this meeting.*

- III. Budget Update - *Jess Burke*
 - A. *Last year we brought in net income 23,000 cash went into bank*
 - B. *Majority was from the glow run*
 - C. *Expense wise we went over budget by 4k but didn't impact what we were able to take home in the bank*
 - D. *We did field trip bus stipend, MCAS tutoring initiative, After School Enrichments - able to do because of Glow Run*
 - E. *We spent the majority of our money on cultural arts (docent), discovery museum, teacher stipends, student events (field day, ice cream social), spring dance*
 - F. *Last year our goal for fun run was 35k this year going for 40k*
 - G. *Can see expense wise what we are planning and have a surplus*
 - H. *Motion to buy insurance for the PAC*

- IV. Parent Survey Results - *Kristen Muzrall*
 - A. *Review of what the survey went to last year*
 - 1. *Inclusion, Communication and Streamline fundraising*
 - B. *Review of survey feedback this year*
 - 1. *Good feedback on time of meeting and what events people want for events and what to attend*
 - 2. *Spend the dollars - school and playground improvements that's where people want to see our money go;*

V. Old Business

A. Docent - *Jana Morra*

1. *Overview of docent program= art appreciation and art history into the classroom- we need more parent docents – low in Drew, Perron and Poelart*

B. School Kit Update - *Jen Hurley*

1. *Overview of what the program did - what we raised 1,400 increase from last year- sold 50% more kits*
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VI. New Ideas

A. Fundraising Ideas - Kiln & Outdoor Classroom - *Matt Keaveney, Ms. Fundinger*

1. *Overview of what a Kiln is and why it would benefit the Elm community*
2. *Next steps: to finalize install cost and we can vote on this next time*
3. *Overview of outdoor classroom- start as more of a DIY and then see how it goes*
4. *Maybe we can do it in stages- cover etc. from a company that does this*

B. Volunteer Buttons - *Jen Hurley*

1. *Increase visibility around volunteerism*
2. *Lanyard and buttons?*

C. Cultural Arts / Enrichment Committee - *Jillian Viani, Silpa Pande*

1. *Going to lead the discovery museum program*
2. *Visits from scientist and author visits?*
3. *Made a survey for the teachers and going through what we have done in the past and go from there*

D. Other New PAC Ideas

1. Gardening club- we need someone to lead that
2. Stay on the half day- we need someone to lead this but need to work through logistics
3. No cost community events
 - a) School clean up day
 - b) PAC a picnic
 - c) Elm/Walpole clothing swap

VII. Upcoming Events & Programs

- A. Glow Run – November 3rd is date- they take a cut of the profit and we hope to make \$40k; felt like too many emails (pare that down this year)
- B. Fall Festival- this year the fall fest will be free- carnival games etc. inflatables, crisp coming for food; 5th grade celebration will do Rita's
- C. Teacher Stipends - *Courtney Cupo- vote on it next time; maybe up it; parents foundation*
- D. Providence Bruins Game - *Courtney Cupo- November 16th - 3pm 25 Marvel superhero weekend again*
- E. Other Updates
- F. Multicultural night- 3rd week in November

VIII. Volunteer Opportunities

A. Garden Volunteer

1. Elaina Curran will volunteer to do that

B. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

1. All can be found on the website! Email elmpac@gmail.com to volunteer

- IX. Making PAC Meetings Better
 - A. Grade sponsor a meeting
 - 1. Will discuss more at next meeting but idea is that one grade would sponsor a meeting and bring snacks and drinks and rally their grade to attend.
- X. Wrapping up
 - A. Next Meeting - **Thursday 10/16**