



ESM Home & School Association General & Executive Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 · 6:00 p.m.

Attendees

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Leah Noble, Chair

Lauren Bowes, Secretary

Wendi Tekamp, Principal

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Nicole McInnis

REGRETS

Lesley Publicover, Vice-Chair

Courtney Allan, Member-at-Large

Agenda

Principal's Welcome Message

Wendi Tekamp welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for joining us. Home & School doesn't happen without the group. Memorable events are created by Home & School, and those social events are a really important part of engagement for students who may struggle with academics.

She noted that during a conversation with Trish Cuvelier, a long-time ESM staff member and former ESM parent and student, Trish mentioned that ESM traditions are what make ESM special. Former students have said that leaving home to go to school at ESM didn't feel like leaving home because ESM felt like an extension of home.

Approval of Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2026

Lauren Bowes motioned to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2026 Home & School Meeting. Leah Noble seconded the motion. All members of the Executive voted via email. All in favor.

School Events

1. Valentine's Dance is scheduled for February 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
 - a. Leah Noble reported that Jenna Johnson and Jackie Pottie will be providing cupcakes for dance concessions. Nicole McInnis said she'd provide heart cookies as well.
 - b. Lauren Bowes reported that the 50/50 licensing has been secured, and Corey Bowes will be completing food and beverage purchasing next week.
 - c. Dance decorating will be completed on Friday after 11:00 AM. Anyone available is welcome to come help out.
 - d. DUTIES (Bold Items require a volunteer) - Lauren will send an email to the school community asking for volunteers.
 - i. Food & Beverage Purchasing - ESM Office
 - ii. Baked Goods - Jenna Johnson, Jackie Pottie, Nicole McInnis
 - iii. 50/50 Licensing - ESM Office
 - iv. Decorating Crew - Ashley Covey, Nicole McInnis (balloon arch), Amy Bishop
 - v. Food & Beverage Sales - Joan Olivella
 - vi. Donations at the Door & 50/50 Sales**
 - vii. DJ - Lauren Bowes
 - viii. Clean-Up Crew**
2. Spring Fling is scheduled for May 30, 2026.
 - a. An email was sent to the ESM community the first week of February requesting members for the Spring Fling committee. Krystal Messervey and Nicole McInnis have volunteered to sit on the committee, but neither is interested in being the Committee Chair this year. If no one steps up to Chair, Lauren Bowes will take on the role since she is familiar with what needs to be done to pull off the event.

Old Business

1. Communication Platform - Leah Noble reported back that the Basecamp platform presented at the January 21 meeting is \$129/month, so at this time it's not a good option for Home & School use. Lauren noted that she had not had the opportunity to look into Google workspace, but because of the free nature, it's the best option. She will have more information on that at the next meeting.
2. Lauren Bowes reported that we have sold \$860 in product on our school spiritwear website. We will begin receiving a 10% rebate once our sales hit \$1000. Slowly but steadily we are getting there.
 - a. Leah Noble suggested creating a QR code to add to any advertising we do. That way people can go to the website as soon as they see the flyer/poster rather than having to remember to do it when they arrive home. Lauren will create a QR code and add it to the flyer. We will have samples and the QR code displayed at the Valentine's Dance.
 - b. Nicole McInnis suggested that Home & School purchase a bunch of t-shirts to hand out as giveaways at school events. The more students that are wearing the product, the more students who will want their own. This is not an option for the upcoming dance, but it's definitely something that can be considered for the Spring Fling.



- c. A school spirit week was also discussed, which might prompt families to purchase spirit wear.

New Business

1. Member engagement was discussed, and it was decided that a survey be developed and sent to the ESM community to gauge best practices for our community. Questions about meeting timing, meeting location, committee interest, etc will be asked. Further to the survey, an extra page will be added to the monthly newsletter and will be devoted to all things Home & School. This will provide an opportunity to more thoroughly introduce Home & School activities and responsibilities to the ESM community as we have many new families at our school post-Covid.

Adjournment

Leah Noble motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lauren Bowes seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.