

## **Panther Family Association Meeting Agenda**

*December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

- Introductions
- Mission Statement Construction
- Family Engagement App Update
- Membership Requirements
- Dues
- Long-Term Goal Setting and Execution
- Meeting Frequency/Establish Next Meeting Date

## Mission Statement Construction

- Supporting the student is the foundational “why” of the organization
- Staying connected to EIU students and being able to support them from near or from afar
- Prioritizing communication
- Mentorship for new families
  - Freshman connection idea but transfer it to families
  - Students of the families also “pair up”
    - Student also reach out to mentor family(?)
- Communication trifecta
  - Students and their families
  - Families and the institution
  - Institution and the students

## Membership and Dues

- Is it possible to include PFA dues in tuition?

- Automatic membership
  - We are here to support everyone
  - Families may not want to join if it is optional
- Host families for students without a familial support system?
- Bring “holidays” to students who are staying on campus?
  - Providing meals
- Different levels of membership
  - Active listeners (want info but not really hands on)
  - Partial involvement (not involved in everything but still contributes to, and attends events)
  - All in
- Sponsor another family’s membership (if not able to be included in fees)
- Dues reliant on what projects we want to do as an organization
- Frequency
  - Semester-based, year-based, or one-time fee?

## Long-Term Goal Setting and Execution

- Summer 2025: Panther Family Association Recruitment
  - Have a booth or tabling opportunity at move-in or orientation
- Family Weekend 2025: Have established mentorship among families
  - Meet and greet?
- Potential name change?
- Mission statement
- Logo
- Consistent meeting routine
- Establish a contact list for other families
  - Email blast
- Budget
  - What is it?
  - Who's paying for it?

## Meeting Frequency/Establish Next Meeting Date

- Monthly meetings with check ins in between

- GroupMe
- Team Reach
- Remind app (can set up an access code)
- Google Teams
  - See if a phone number is required/if it would be visible to other users

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 Central Standard Time**

**In the meantime:**

- Panther Family Association- potential name changes
- Crafting a mission statement
- Frequency of dues and what amount
- Core executive board members and their functions