



East Helena Parent Teacher Organization (EHPTO)

November 7, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Attendance

District projects – Dan Rispens

Boiler Project - Eastgate Boilers are OLD! Radley needed a new Boiler as well. A total of 5 boilers need(ed) to be replaced. To date Eastgate is complete using funds the district had. Radley is still in need of one... it is 40 years old and needs to be replaced. Need \$175,000.00 for that replacement.

- Fundraising is underway through the following as of now
 - The Tracy Foundation has pledged \$75,000.00 if the school district can raise the additional \$100,00.00. The district has reached out to Blue Cross/ Blue Shield and Chemet and asked for pledges of \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and are waiting for a commitment from them. They are requesting a pledge from the PTO as well in this range to help with the boiler project.

Member Idea presented was doing a raffle with the community to help in the efforts.

Playground Fundraiser - Fundraising is ongoing

- Multi year project of upgrading playgrounds. Eastgate and Radley have pretty old equipment..... Play Structures price ranging from \$15,000.00 to \$30,000.00.....Install is another issue due to the liability. Proposing PTO fundraise/ purchase equipment and the District will then find a contactor and pay for the install. A good resource will be Montana School Equipment they are Licensed to sell and install playground structures. Fun idea.....Kids could be involved in picking out and voting on what equipment is purchased!

School Updates

Eastgate/Prickly Pear – Brandon Crusat

- Early Release agenda : Teachers work with each other to discuss plans to help students to either bring them up to the level they need to be and/or work with students that need to be more challenged due to meeting all standards. This time allows teachers to discuss students individual needs and work on setting goals- “closing the gaps”. Teachers were able to work together to do planning. This is ongoing throughout the year
- Legislative Bills being tracked -
 - House Bill 352 Early Literacy Bill - Kindercubs
 - House Bill 203 Open Enrollment

Radley – Gus Somerfeld

- Early Release - Multi Tier System - part of that is “Behavior Skills” building skills within the students....wanted to start focusing more on the Academics piece of it ... Teachers spent time in peer learning groups, one piece is “Targeted Time”.... hon in what the students need.....
- Basketball Baskets have arrived and installation will be coordinated!

EVMS – Mike Kemper

- Winter Sports are active
- Band and Choir Concerts
- Book Fair November 16th
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be happening
- Red Ribbon week was a big success
- The Learning Lab is up and running - Students can receive additional support needed, varying from specific subjects, studying, and organizational skills .

Financial Update – Krysti Krall

- Current Balance - \$109,325.79
- Fundraiser PTO income - \$64,144.50

Safety item request for all 4 schools -

- Request was made by the principals to equip each room to serve not only as a safety item but also as a defense tool for the teachers in case of an intruder in the classroom. SRO officers will be providing training to all staff for the use of the extinguishers as a defense tool.
 - Fire Extinguishers to be purchased and placed in each classroom for all 4 schools. 66 packs of 2 at \$4, 619.34 with a life span of 10 - 12 years - **Approved**

Teacher Grants total is \$31,764.19 (may change as some items are finalized)

- Grants have been approved with the request that some clarification is made on a few of the requests. Spreadsheet is available with the teachers and their requests.

Student appreciation committee creation

- Sign up genius created and posted on the facebook page - 2 individuals have responded

Spending approval

- EVMS fundraiser class pizza winners - \$230.29
- Window painting - \$500.00 - materials ***checking on status of that***
- Storage for Prickly Pear \$155.97

Teacher Conference dinner check-in

- Sign up Geniuses will be set up by the School Reps for each school and distributed

Gift Giving Tree – Mindy Schubert

- Sign - up genius method will be utilized for this again

School district Calendar Committee

- Parent/family representative request

Next meeting: December 5th

Questions/Comments/Other