



Location: EVMS Library



Date: 10/3/2023



Time: 6:00-7:30pm

East Helena Parent Teacher Organization (EHPTO)

October 3, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Welcome – Attendance

Guest Speaker – SMA Architects (Mark & Jason) - Introduction by Brandon Crusat and complete presentation was recorded and is available on YouTube

- Infrastructure Presentation
 - Proactively plan for additional enrollment increases
 - Create flexible roadmap to prepare for the next 5-15 years
 - Identify key items that the community has deemed as top priorities (Parking, traffic flow in pick up/drop off areas, playground accessibility, etc.)
 - Continue to serve EH Students, families, community and student focused approach and processes
 - Create a fiscally responsible plan that anticipates long term needs and addresses ongoing maintenance, safety, and security needs
 - Next community meeting is October 16, 7PM at Radley

School Updates

- Eastgate/Prickly – Brandon Crusat
 - Huge “Thank You” for the Fundraiser.
 - Early Release time changes this year to 12:30. This allows Teachers to collaborate with each other, first day was focused on Tier work framework and literacy programs
 - Adult Education opportunities: To increase community involvement the following classes are available to those 16yrs and older. Yoga, Card making, and pottery. Please email Brandon Crusat at Prickly Pear if you are interested in attending or teaching a class.
- Radley – Gus Somerfeld
 - Huge “Thank You” for the Fundraiser.
 - Month in update -- Organize Focus and Targeted time for Math and Reading at the grade levels, which translate into the other subjects. After assessments are made kids get placed into grade level targeted time for instruction where they may need more support. All of this is lined out in the monthly newsletter.

- EVMS – Lynsi Morris/Micheal Kemper
 - Huge “Thank You” for the Fundraiser
 - Fall sports are in full swing!
 - Volleyball had a huge turnout. Due to the need for more coaches 20 were cut, they will receive first choice the next intramurals.
 - Cross Country has 12 runners and will compete in 6 races
 - Academics
 - Learning Lab, new program to the school this year.
 - Assessments are completed and kids are being placed in their groups that cater to specific needs that they may have. Still have their Advisory time to be used for a “Study Hall” and Life Skills period.

Step it Up – Be the One Fundraiser Update

- Funds raised
 - Total Raised was \$91,575.00
 - Total Received was \$64,102.50
 - Total Donations made were 1612
- Fundraiser reps share out
 - Golden Ticket prizes were distributed by the Reps. Speaker Replacements have been requested and will be given out. A total of 763 Golden tickets were awarded. money came in the forms of emails, texts, social media and cash/check donation.
 - Awards were drawn for iPad, Air Buds, Gift Cards, and Slushy machines with cash.
 - Additional prizes were provided by the PTO...items were tiger gear, stuffed tigers, extra recesses, lunches with principals, pizza parties
- Principal/Staff feedback
 - **Successful Fundraiser!** Shoutout to PTO Members Shandi and Mary who were very helpful and the principals report that the process was simple for the schools to implement.

Teacher Grants – Mindy Watson

- New Process
 - Grants are open Oct 11 through Nov 8th
 - Grants are available for all staff (to include Paras)
 - Approve at December PTO Meeting

- Budget for teacher grants increased to \$250

Financial Update – Current Balance \$45,920.60

- Requests for approval
 - 4/5th grade pizza parties (approved \$154.50)
 - EVMS class parties
 - To be discussed later
 - Increase to teacher grants
 - \$250 per teacher (approved)
 - PTO meeting food cost of \$54.99 (approved)

Teacher Conference Dinners

- Vote on meal
 - Meals will be decided by the Reps
- School rep duties
 - Send out and monitor Sign up Genius for Meals at assigned school
 - Set up and take down according to each Principals timeline
- Conference dates
 - Eastgate, Prickly, and Radley Nov 14th
 - EVMS Nov 8th
 - K-5 Nov 14th and 16th (Tue/Thur)

Gift Giving Tree – Mindy Shubert

- Sign up will be through Sign up Genius
- Tables at conferences to answer question
- EHHS Junior Honor Society will assist again by helping to wrap and organize all the gifts!

Next meeting is November 7th.

Questions/Comments/Other