

East Helena Parent Teacher Organization (EHPTO)
Meeting Minutes by Stacy Anderson
December 3, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Attendees: Shandi Hayes, Amy Strainer, Becky Corbett, Megan Surginer, Joe McMahon, Jill Miller, Melinda Yeary, Mindy Schubert, Dan Rispens, Vashti Teders, Jessica Cook, Brooke Mortenson, Stacy Anderson, Taya Hoven, Krysti Krall

Principal updates:

~**Jill Miller, EG/PP:** food drive through 12/13. 12/6 1st grade decorated gingerbread houses. 12/10 2nd graders only Holiday program at 2 and 630. 1st grade will do spring program. 12/13 kindergarteners will decorate cookies. 12/16 is the kindergarten holiday program @ 230 and 630. No kinder Cubs program.

~**Joe McMahon, Radley:** Big thank you for conference dinner. Author Sarah Shaw 11/18 to talk to kids. PTO funds used to purchase books for classrooms and students. 5th graders did fundraiser, approximately \$1100 raised for SPH cancer center. Mid term prog reports out soon. 12/12 is the 3rd grader program. 5th program is 12/17. Rocking choir perform 630-7 at Christmas stroll on 12/5 and again at hockey game 12/7.

~**Dan Rispens, EVMS:** Beth Walsh awarded Presidential award for math and science teaching. She was one of 2 teachers in Montana. She received a cash award and paid trip to DC. Boys b-ball done. Girls b-ball starts after Xmas. EHHS b-ball and swimming has begun. Window painting 11/27 in EH w 8th graders. PTO provided cookies and cocoa. Digital citizenship day 12/2 to learn safe online habits. Added 9th graders to it this year. 12/17 and the 19th are the 7th/8th grade band and choir perf. Also performing at Xmas stroll.

~**October/November Debrief:** storage shed is completed. ~Octoberfest: well attended. Had haunted house. Fun for all.

~**Teacher dinners:** good feedback on pasta menu. Sign up genius app made things much easier.

~**Day of Awesomeness:** had 2 days of awesomeness. Deb has volunteered to do the fundraiser again next year. She would like a volunteer to help. Had good feedback and suggestions for changes for next year.

~**8th grade window painting:** went well. Kids had fun.

~ **Treasurers report:** Expense approvals: \$482.83 Taya (emergency buckets), \$333.02 Clancy and Jaymie (Octoberfest), \$978.00 supplies for shed, \$5.96 to Deb (popsicles), \$111.62 Mindy window painting supplies and \$652.00 AZ tax. Amy motion Becky 2nd. All in favor.

~ **Giving tree:** Mindy is sorting gifts after gingerbread houses 12/6. Volunteers are needed. Items due Thursday. \$25.00 limit.

~ **Box tops:** \$275 submitted

~**Tiger gear:** Ericka has Tiger gear money to deposit. No total at this time.

~ **Teacher Grants:** Shandi coordinated this. \$15,000 budgeted. Submissions totaled \$9711. Group discussed and approved extra expense request from Mr Ireland. Amy motion to approve all grant requests. Becky second. All in favor.

~**Movie night:** January and possibly April. Angry birds 2, Dora the Explorer and Abomidable for choices. 1/17 or 24 for options. Possibly at Radley. Will do a FB survey on movie choice.

~ **Emergency buckets:** Taya: Home Depot donated items and buckets. All buckets delivered to those that needed them, except a few needed at PP.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. Next meeting January 7th @ 6pm.