

**EAST HELENA PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE (EHPTO)**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MARCH 5, 2019**  
**Minutes by Stacy Anderson**

**Attendees:** Jen Wagner, Megan Surginer, Jaymie Casey, Deb Butzlaff, Stacy Anderson, Jamie Tuck, Vashti Teders, Diedra Murray, Brooke Mortenson, Trish Klock, Joe McMahan, Krysti Krall, Taya Hovan, Amy Strainer, Jill Miller, Dan Rispens, Val Balukas, Ron Whitmoyer, Melinda Yeary

**Principal Updates**

**Jill Miller, PP/EG:** February was I Love to Read month with themed Fridays and guest readers. East Helena alums came to present a science circus. EG kindergarteners participated in Warm up with a Book and despite weather, had a good turnout. Students participated in Jump Rope for Heart. Mrs. Simonson received the One Class at a Time award.

**Joe McMahan, Radley:** Jump Rope for Heart went well. Raised \$657! Thanked the PTO for the snacks. 5<sup>th</sup> grade band/music students perform March 7 @ 2pm and 6:30pm and a wax museum March 8 from 11:00am-12:00pm. 4<sup>th</sup> graders making keychains to fundraise with Mrs. Mazanec for Make a Wish Foundation. So far raised over \$300! Penny war fundraiser for American Cancer Society starts first week of April. Late April will be another fundraiser to benefit the Humane Society. New to the state of Montana this year is the Montana Safe Online poster/calendar contest. KD Jones has been speaking to the students about this subject. There are 13 winners throughout Montana with Radley having 8 of those winners!

**Dan Rispens, EVMS:** Registration underway for inaugural freshman class at East Helena High. 103 registrations received to date. Dan and Ron are working with current 8<sup>th</sup> graders to brainstorm what they want their freshman year to look like. Spring testing time is fast approaching. March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> is the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader band festival at the Civic Center with other area middle schools. Public invited to the concert each of these days at 4pm. Staff recently attended conference in Seattle on using technology in the classroom. 6<sup>th</sup> graders going to Museum of the Rockies just prior to Spring Break. Parent chaperones are needed. Dan and Ron briefly debriefed the group on plans/discussions regarding the high school. March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm is the ground breaking ceremony for the new high school! Public is encouraged to attend!! Just north of the Search and Rescue building.

**Debrief of February activities:** Teacher dinners went well. Teachers/staff very appreciative. Taco bar always a favorite. Thanks to all who helped the coordinators with this. As mentioned above, Kids Heart Challenge/Jump rope for Heart went well.

**Treasurer Report:** For any questions on budget etc, contact Amy and she will forward the report to you. Currently getting documents/info gathered for tax preparation. Expense approvals: Kids Heart Challenge-Vashti for snacks \$462.37, Box Top competition prizes, Amy \$356.82, Box Top winner pizza party, Amy \$50.00, teacher dinner plates/utensils, Jen \$18.05 and wrapping paper/bows/etc, Deb \$146.25. Amy made a motion to approve, Jamie second, all in favor.

**Box Tops:** Schools are doing competition for the Month of March. Radley doing boys vs girls, PP doing 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Deb submitted \$172 and \$185 worth of box tops. Total submitted since November is \$1,715.00.

**PTO Movie Night:** April 5<sup>th</sup> at Prickly Pear, 6:30PM. Movie will be Ralph Breaks the Internet.

**Out of the Darkness Campus Walk:** April 27<sup>th</sup>. Tova is looking for volunteers for registration table.

**Fundraiser for 2019:** Some members met with Lisa from Great American Fundraising. She spoke about a new fundraising group called Step It Up. Not product based. Strictly donation based. After kick off assembly, students/families send text messages to people asking for donations. Kids get a golden ticket for submitting 10 text messages for a chance to win an iPad. Each school will have an iPad to win. Students will have an opportunity to win prizes for their submissions. Minimum amount to win a prize is \$60 in donations collected with additional opportunities to win prizes based on amount collected. Students get to participate in a Day of Fun following the fundraiser. This is tentatively scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

**Emergency Buckets:** Donation of approximately 100 five gallon buckets from Home Depot and \$200 worth of supplies from Walmart. Will be dispensed to classes soon.

**PTO Storage shed needs some serious TLC to help protect items inside from the weather. Contact Amy if you are interested in helping her husband Mike with the project!**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the EVMS Library is our Annual Meeting. We will be discussing nominations for all PTO positions for the 2019-20 school year:**

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Box Top Submission Coordinator**

**School Reps (all 4 schools)**

**Teacher Grant Coordinator**

**Fundraiser Coordinator**

**Gift Giving Tree Coordinator**

**Octoberfest Coordinators**

**Jump Rope for Heart**

**Tiger Gear Coordinator**

**PTO Movie Night Coordinator**

**Teacher Appreciation**

**Field Fun Day Coordinator**

**Bulletin Boards (all 4 schools)**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm