

East Helena Parent Teacher Organization (EHPTO)
October 2, 2018
Meeting minutes by Stacy Anderson

Attendees: Shandi Hayes, Deb Butzlaff, Vashti Teders, Nicole Matoon, Valerie Balukas, Mindy Schubert, Jaymie Casey, Adrienne Simonson, Krysti Krall, Diedra Murray, Clancy Casey, Becky Corbett, Ron Whitmoyer, Taya Hovan, Cassandra Lynn, Stacy Anderson, Kacy Johnson, Megan Surginer, Joe McMahon, Melinda Yeary, Mike Christensen, Jill Miller, Brooke Mortenson, Dan Rispens, Jess Hegstrom, Jamie Tuck

Principal Updates:

Jill Miller-EG/PP: School pics went well. Thanks to all volunteers. Fundraiser kickoff with assembly 10/04. Walk to school day 10/10. EG changing traditional Student of the Month recognition to a quarterly Star Student which will allow teachers to recognize more students. PP will continue traditional Student of the Month recognition.

Joe McMahon-Radley: Adopt a species assembly 10/02. Species is a wolverine. All School Reading program to replace AR reader program. Positive office referral new this year. Promotes and recognizes positive behavior.

Dan Rispens-EVMS: Enrollment at 415, up 10 from last school year. New bleachers going in this week! Teachers/staff working on developing curriculum for future high school. Red Ribbon parade 10/24 @ 2pm-wear red and come show your support! Starts at Radley, down main and ending at EVMS. Teachers/staff handing out Tiger Pride Bucks for good behavior. Redeemable at EVMS store run by the Student Council or for jumping up in the lunch line/open gym pass/free homework pass, etc. Group of teachers/staff recently attended Montana Behavior Initiative Conference.

Budget finalization/changes:

Increase budget for Jump Rope for Heart to \$500 largely due to the need for allergy-free options, increase budget for Field fun day to \$300 and increase budget for emergency buckets to \$500. New budget amount of \$300 for Parent College. Request from Carrie Clement to purchase security system for schools, will get number to the PTO soon. School nurse Stephanie asking PTO about the PTO funding or putting in a grant request for an AED for Prickly Pear school, cost \$2,039. Adrienne Simonson asking for funding to purchase playground toys (balls, etc.) for EG as much of their supply has gone to PP. Any donations of playground toys from families always welcome! Amy proposed teacher grant amount for \$15,000. Motion to approve by Amy, second by Jamie, all approved.

Expense approval: Erika \$14.97 for bins for Tiger Gear. Motion to approve by Amy, Vashti second, all approved.

Parent College: Planned for 10/23 @5:30pm at EVMS. Pizza/bottled water provided. Topics on digital citizenship, mental health and suicide prevention. Watch Facebook for more info.

Fundraiser kickoff: Kickoff October 4, 2018. Due back October 22. Items distributed during conference week. Volunteers always needed for this big project! Contact Heather to help!!

Octoberfest, Clancy: Will be 10/27 @ 6pm at EG. Set up will be Friday night. Volunteers needed! Any donation of baked goods, please use store bought frosting. Contact Clancy/Mindy to help out.

Giving Tree, Mindy: Tags distributed during parent teacher conferences. Volunteers needed to help with signing out the tags. With addition of PP school, more volunteers will be needed. Contact Mindy to help! A roll of wrapping paper will be given to families this year to do their own wrapping. Gifts will be stored at EVMS this year. Watch Facebook for more info.

Movie night, Becky: Planned for 11/30 @ 6:30pm at Radley. Popcorn/water will be served. Ideas are Hotel Transylvania 3 or the Incredibles 2.

Teacher grants: Website up 10/15-11/16. Vote on submissions will happen at December 4th meeting.

Costume exchange, Nikki: Proposed sending flyer home in weekend kid packs for parents to sign and return if interested. Exchange planned at EG/PP/Rad October 10-12 2pm-4ish. Watch for flyers.

Teacher dinners: EVMS dinner 11/6, EG/PP/Rad dinner 11/14. Menu will be soup/salad/bread/drinks/dessert. Caffeine-free drinks also encouraged.

Tiger Gear: Table with order forms will be set up during conferences.

Teacher appreciation, Mike: Treats being delivered to schools routinely. Survey sent to principals for ideas.

Box Tops, Deb: Recent submissions for \$413, \$355 and \$36. Check expirations!

Group voted to skip November meeting due to many events happening. Next meeting will be December 4 @ 6pm in the EVMS Library.

Meeting concluded at 7pm.