

East Helena Parent Teacher Organization (EHPTO)
Meeting minutes by Stacy Anderson
September 4, 2018 6:00pm

Attendees: Amy Strainer, Erica Johnston, Deborah Butzlaff, Jill Miller, Jaymie Casey, Brooke Mortenson, Jen Hamilton, Brandi Dearing, Clancy Casey, Dan Rispens, Jamie Tuck, Becky Corbett, Kacy Johnson, Stacy Baird, Melinda Yeary, Stacy Anderson, Megan Surginer, Joe McMahon, Mike Christensen, Stephanie Higgins, Moriah Bucy, Valerie Balukas, Krysti Krall, Michelle Eckhart, Trish Klock, Jen Wagner, Sarah Bremer, Jess Hegstrom, Cassandra Lynn, Taya Hovan

School updates:

Jill Miller, EG/PP: Enrollment is high for both schools. Lots of new staff/teachers at both schools. EG open house is 09/20 6-730pm. PP open house 9/6. EG working on partnering with Early Headstart for up to 8 students, 0-3 years of age. Prepaid Visa cards from last year used to purchase activity stations for indoor recess days and also for new recycling bins. J4 is sponsoring EG's recycling program and Helena Farm Equipment is sponsoring PP's program. Big thanks to them! EG picture day 9/26 and PP 9/27. Volunteers needed at both schools to assist. Contact school office for info. Early release on 9/24.

Joe McMahon, Radley: Staff is loving the extra space in the school this year. New staff/teachers at Radley also. There space for a science/robotics lab, sensory/regulation room and alternative recess lunchroom. Intermountain Children's Home also has space there for a day treatment classroom for students in the East Helena school district and surrounding areas. Students now attend recess before lunch. Burdick's Lock is sponsoring Radley recycling program. Thank you to them! Picture day is 9/28. Volunteers needed. Pureview Health will have a mobile clinic on the property west end of the PP school. Clinic will serve the schools and the community.

Dan Rispens, EVMS: School enrollment is at a new record. Lots of new staff/teachers. Picture day is 9/25. East Helena high school information meeting 9/13 @6pm at PP.

Stacy Baird, LifePoint Church: Dinner/auction 09/28. Doors open @ 5:00pm, taco dinner by Qdoba @6:00pm \$15/plate. Onsite childcare available \$5/child. Tickets at all EH school, the EH Valley Bank and LifePoint Church. Auction items needed. Proceeds benefit the EH Tiger Fund. Check LifePoint's Facebook for more info.

Tiger Gear: Keychains new addition to Tiger gear options. Tables will be set up at open houses. Worked with Rivals for t-shirts/sweatshirt.

Erica, Treasury report: Thanks to Brooke for volunteering to learn the PTO treasurer role this year in anticipation of Erica stepping down next year! Approximately \$16,000 in the bank. Anticipating approximately \$25,000 after the fundraiser to distribute to schools this year. Motion by Megan for reimbursement request for Erika C. for \$175 for Tiger Gear supplies. Amy second, all approved. Proposed budget was quickly reviewed and will be approved next meeting.

PTO Fundraiser: 10/4 Kickoff at Radley, mini kickoff at EG/PP that day. Fundraiser runs 10/4-22. Order sheets/money due 10/26. Items arrive 11/26 (approximately). Using a new company, similar items. No online ordering options this year. New company will give us 10% of our profits if our numbers are down from last year due to the inability to order online. This will be Heather's last year. Will need a volunteer

coordinator for next year. If interested, shadowing Heather through this year's process will be beneficial. Contact Amy for info.

Clancy, Octoberfest: Volunteers needed for setup/takedown and for the all aspects of the event!! Planned for Saturday 10/27. Haunted house, games and food/drink planned. Details if/when costume exchange happens will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Deb, Box Tops: Smartphone app available for additional points. Schools will again do contests for collecting Box Tops/Labels.

Mike, Teacher Appreciation: Will continue doing things as Deb had previously done.

Miscellaneous items: Tuff Shed donated a storage shed to EVMS for equipment storage in exchange for having their business sign posted on the shed. Still need volunteers for addt'l EG Rep, EG Bulletin Board, 8th grade window painting and fundraiser in-training coordinator. Thank you cards signed by those in attendance to J4, Burdick's, Helena Farm and Tuff Shed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. Next meeting October 2nd at 6pm EVMS Library