

**East Helena Parent Teacher Organization (EHPTO)**  
**Meeting Minutes by Stacy Anderson**  
**April 3, 2018 @ 6:00pm**

**Attendees:** Shandi Hayes, Deb Butzlaff, Megan Surginer, KD Jones, Adrienne Simonson, Mike Christensen, Moriah Bucy, Joe McMahon, Stephanie Higgins, Jill Miller, Erica Johnston, Jess Hegstrom, Ron Whitmoyer, Marni Bender, Mindy Schubert, Vashti Teders, Natalia Bowser, Stacy Anderson, Amy Strainer, Becky Corbett, Dan Rispens

**Principal Updates**

**Jill Miller, Eastgate:** Applications still being accepted for KinderCubs and Pre-K. Tiernan Irish dancers visited the school recently. PTO movie night is April 13 at Eastgate. Art walk and silent auction planned for April 19<sup>th</sup> during family night. The PTO will also be doing a bake sale during the art walk. Money raised goes toward the Tiger Fund. Early out on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Loyalty Day is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will attend assemblies on this day. Teacher appreciation week is the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Joe McMahon, Radley:** Radley is participating in the Montana Children's Trust Fund-Strengthening Families month. Pinwheels will again be placed around the community in recognition of this. Students and staff are also encouraged to wear blue on Mondays with \$1 donation in recognition. Winner of the St. Baldrick's' penny war was the boys. \$400+ was raised during this. Kids will be participating in Teach Kids to Save day on April 20 with the staff from First Interstate Bank. In light of the recent Florida school shooting, Mr. McMahon had a parent contact him asking about a parent volunteer parking lot watch program. Parents would volunteer whatever time they could to watch the parking lot/school grounds for anything suspicious and report any such findings to the office. Mr. McMahon spoke with the D.A.R.E. officer who thought it was a good idea. For more information, please contact Mr. McMahon. Radley had some flooding issues on March 15.

**Dan Rispens, EVMS:** Construction is now underway for the expansion. 5 classrooms and 1 room for office space will be added. Should be done by fall of 2018. EVMS was selected to receive 150 science/technology/engineering/math related books through the Subaru Loves Learning book donation project. Thanks to Placer Motors and Subaru for this! Smarter Balance testing to begin this spring. The EVMS Talent show is April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the gym. Open to the public! Tiger Time service day is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students will give a few hours that day to help in local retirement homes, schools and around the community.

**Box Tops:** Radley's March Madness ended with the girls winning! 4,652 box tops were collected during these 3 weeks.

**Movie Night, Moriah and Stephanie:** Planned for April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Eastgate. **Ferdinand** will be shown. Popcorn and bottled water will be provided!

**EH Community Skate:** Planned for April 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be 2 sessions: 1:30-3 for beginners/young kids with lights on and 3-4:30 for advanced/older kids with Lazer Skate lighting. Cost is \$5 which includes skate time and skate rental.

**Out of the Darkness Walk:** Scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>. Walk starts at 2pm. Heather and Jess need volunteers so contact them to help out.

**Budget report, Erica:** Currently have approximately \$14,700 in the account. Just received the State employee Charitable Giving campaign report. Those donations will be trickling in this year and next school year. Projected end of the year balance is \$12,500-13,000 with a \$5,000 reserve.

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Celebrated May 7-11<sup>th</sup>. Deb has been putting together great gifts, baked goods and thank you's for our amazing teachers!

**#YES4EHKIDS:** Contact Amy if you can help with flyer distribution, yard signs or phone calls to get the word out about the upcoming High School bond vote.

**Nominations and voting for 2018-19 school year positions:** Nominations and vacancies were discussed. Amy made a motion to accept the nominations for the various positions. Becky second. All in favor. Please refer to our PTO Facebook page to see the list of coordinators for next year and for positions still open!

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm. Next meeting of our final meeting of the school year on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the EVMS Library.