

**East Helena Parent-Teacher Organization (EHPTO)**  
**Meeting Minutes by Stacy Anderson**  
**April 4, 2017**

**Attendees:** Amy Strainer, Trish Klock, Erika Carroll, Shandi Hayes, Jen Wagner, Stacy Anderson, Erica Johnston, Deb Butzlaff, Mindy Schubert, Clancy Casey, Joe McMahon, Vashti Teders, Stephanie Higgins, Dan Rispens, Valerie Balukas, Moriah Bucy

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Principal Updates**

**Jill Miller, Eastgate (Update given via Email):**

1. Congratulations to Kelsey Phelps (Kindergarten), the latest recipient of a One Class At A Time grant. These grants are sponsored by KXLH and 1st Interstate Bank. Mrs. Phelps will be using the \$250 to purchase “wobble seats” (alternative seating) for her classroom.
2. Efforts to use social media to get out important information on the upcoming bond vote are continuing. Make sure to check out the Facebook pages of any of the district buildings! Additionally, CWG is preparing materials for electronic and mailing distribution.
3. Movie night is still planned for Friday, April 7.
4. **Looking Ahead:**
  - 4/7 Report cards sent home
  - 4/13 EVMS Jazz band to perform for Eastgate
  - 4/13 Mail Ballots for bond go out
  - 4/20 Meet the Architects BBQ 5:00pm, Eastgate family night Art Walk 6:30-7:15pm
  - 4/24 Early Out--District wide training on QPR--suicide prevention
  - 5/1 Loyalty Day (different from what is printed in District calendars!) , Teacher appreciation week
  - 5/2 School Election Day
  - 5/12 Vigilante Day

**Joe McMahon, Radley:** Just finished fundraiser for St. Baldrick’s and raised \$325. New to Radley this year is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade 50’s Bash night April 14 from 3:15pm-5pm, organized by a few of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Fundraising proceeds from last fall have gone to purchasing alternative seating for 6 classrooms. Also, shrubs will be purchased for the west fence line. Also new for Radley this year is a program sponsored by DPHHS for strengthening families. April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Every Monday is “Blue Monday” so the staff and students are encouraged to wear blue. Last week of April is the Week of the Young Child. Mr. McMahon has been in touch with East Helena Mayor Schell about placing the national symbol, blue pinwheels, in the Main Street Park for the week. A drone photographer is donating his services to take an aerial photo of the Radley students, possibly in a pinwheel shaped formation, in the Radley field. These activities are geared to raise awareness for child abuse and prevention and get families the resources they might need.

**Dan Rispens, EVMS:** Registration forms for next school year were distributed to students prior to Spring Break. Jason DeShaw is scheduled for 04/21/17 at 2:00pm in the EVMS gym. Open to public. DeShaw is a country musician who is an advocate for mental health and issues related to depression and suicide through his songwriting and musical performances. PTO money was used for the student awards

assembly. A Chromebook and a Fitbit were examples of some of the award items. Over Spring Break, Mr. Samson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Gates attended a science conference in Los Angeles. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the Loyalty Day Assembly. **Please note, this is different than what is posted on the school calendar.** Times are 10:45am for EVMS, 1:00pm for Eastgate and 2:00pm for Radley.

**Ron Whitmoyer:** Ron updated the group on the school bond progress. He handed out flyers that will be mailed out to the community. We are less than 20 kids away from being at enrollment capacity. Brochures will be passed out at PTO movie night and the East Helena Easter egg hunt. Amy, along with other parent volunteers, are calling 6,000+ registered voters in the district to remind them of the upcoming vote. Trish has a letter for anyone interested, along with self-addressed return envelopes, asking people for their support and offering a variety of ways they can help.

**Movie night:** Trolls will be playing in the Eastgate cafeteria April 7 at 6:30pm. Flyers were distributed at the schools.

**Erica Johnston, Treasurer report:** Currently have \$19,000 in the bank with a \$5,000 reserve. Anticipated balance at the end of the school year will be approximately \$15,000. Tiger Gear has profited approximately \$400 😊

**Box Tops update:** The box tops March Madness competition at Radley ended with the girls prevailing. 6,665 box tops were collected! Mrs. Bender and some of the EVMS kids are checking expiration dates and sorting through them all.

**Out of the Darkness Campus Walk:** Scheduled for April 29. Looking for volunteers for registration table.

**Good Behavior Game:** Fully funded by BCBS of Montana and American Chemet

**Teacher Appreciation May 1-5:** Erika is working on a yummy idea for this year 😊

**PTO Elections for 2017-18 school year:**

President	Amy Strainer
Vice Pres	Heather Ireland/Jen Wagner
Treasurer	Erica Johnston
Secretary	Stacy Anderson
Eastgate Rep	Jaymie Casey
Radley Reps	Trish Klock/Jen Wagner
EVMS Rep	Jamie Tuck
Box Top Coordinator	Shandi Hayes/Julie Sauer
Eastgate box tops	Adrienne Simonsen/Alyssa Salerno
Radley box tops	KD Jones, Rachel Bright
Jump Rope for Heart	Vashti Teders/Stephanie Higgins
Field Fun Day	Diedra Murray
Gift giving tree	Lisa Larson/Clancy Casey/Mindy Schubert
PTO movie night	Stephanie Higgins/Moriah Bucy
Teacher Appreciation	Deb Butzlaff <b>NEED ONE MORE</b>
Teacher grants	Erika Carroll
Fundraising Coordinator	Angie Howell, Heather Ireland, Leslie Justice

Octoberfest	Clancy Casey, Mindy Schubert, Lisa Larson
Spring Fling	Erica Johnston? <b>NEED ONE MORE</b>
Bulletin Boards	KD Jones (Radley) Jamie Tuck (EVMS)
Emergency buckets	Stacy Anderson
Guest Speaker	Leslie Justice (if needed)
Tiger Gear coordinator	<b>VACANT</b>

**Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. Final meeting of this school year will be May 2, 2017 @ 6pm**