

East Helena Parent Teacher Organization (EHPTO)
Meeting Minutes by Nichole Christensen
November 1, 2016

Attendees: Jill Miller, Joe McMahon, Trish Klock, Erica Johnston, Stacy Anderson, Angie Howell, Lisa Larson, Clancy Casey, Heather Ireland, Amy Strainer, Moriah Bucy, Megan Surginer, Julie Sauer, Jenni Krause, Erik Pritchard, Nichole Christensen, Debbie Butzlaff, Stephanie Higgins, Andrea Eckerson, Shandi Hayes, Sarah Sandau, Dan Rispens, Ro DiDonato

Welcome and Introductions

Principal Updates:

Jill Miller, Eastgate – Walk to school day went well. Just had Adopt-a Species. The Red Ribbon Parade went well. Octoberfest was a hoot. Early release on November 7. Suicide Prevention and Awareness training with paraprofessionals and counselors. The end of the quarter is Friday.

Joe McMahon, Radley – Board of Trustees at November 14 meeting will move ahead with passing a bond for the new grade school for grades 1 and 2. They are working with an architectural firm to determine cost involved. Infrastructure Committee will be called back together soon. The committee will also look at repairs and other needs the district will have in the next 20 years.

Dan Rispens, EVMS – Band concert tonight. Group of student council kids went to Glasgow for state student council training. Randy Rich came for an assembly. Program was called “Dare to Dream.” Parent Teacher conferences start a week from tonight. Trimester grades come out the end of November.

Library: Andrea spoke about a couple upcoming events. Matt Kuntz is presenting on November 10 about mental illness. Stephanie Anderson is speaking on autism on November 17.

Follow-up on Octoberfest and Costume Exchange: Lisa Larson and Clancy Casey reported. It went well. Good attendance, and the kids had a good time. The costume exchange wasn’t attended well on Friday night, but lots of people picked some up on Saturday.

Follow-up on fundraiser: Angie Howell and Erica Johnston reported. Estimated \$28,000 profit. It’s down from last year, but the selling time was shorter. Stuff comes November 17 after school until 7:00 at Radley. Gross receipts are over \$59,000.

Budget: Erica Johnston reported. State Employee charitable giving ends Friday. So far we have received \$1079. We should have around \$26,000 to distribute to the schools leaving \$5,000 in the bank. Expenses for Teacher appreciation, Octoberfest, Open House treats. Heather motions to approve the payment of these expenses, Amy second. All in favor.

Teacher Dinners for Parent Teacher Conference nights: EVMS is 11/8. Radley and Eastgate are 11/16.

Teacher Grants: Open today and close 11/30. We do this once a year around the time we get fundraiser results. We will vote on Teacher Grants at our next meeting.

Gift Giving Tree: Lisa Larson is currently waiting for a list of recipients. Hopefully will receive it this weekend. The trees will be set up during parent teacher conferences. Volunteers are needed to check out tags. The gifts need to be brought in by December 12.

Tiger Gear: Concerns that the tiger might be too scary for the younger kids, so a tiger cub option was made. Options are getting t-shirts silk screened or buying the heat transfers which is the less expensive option. The big tiger was the most popular option. Amy was thinking of just offering school colors to keep costs down. The thought is to purchase them and print them ourselves to keep costs down.

Movie Night: December may not be the best time for a movie night with all the holidays. Either November 18 or in January. November 18 would be better because it would be right after the fundraiser items are picked up. Voted to have the Movie Night on November 18th in the Radley Gym.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00pm in the EVMS Library.