

**East Helena Parent Teacher Organization (EHPTO)**  
**Meeting Minutes by Heather Ireland**  
**September 6, 2016**

**Attendees:** Amy Strainer, Russell Patera, Caitlyn Patera, Jaymie Casey, Stacy Anderson, Julie Sauer, Lee Musgjerd, Erika Carroll, Vashti Teders, Katy Hauer, Clancy Casey, Mindy Schubert, Nichole Christensen, Sarah Sandau, Erica Johnston, Heather Ireland, Jamie Tuck, Angie Howell, Joe McMahon, Jill Miller, Stephanie Aakre, Trish Klock, Jen Wagner, Megan Surginer, Crystals Ahmann, Ro Meehan DiDonato, Braylee Lervold

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Vacant Positions - Secretary:** Stacy Anderson and Nichole Christensen both volunteered to assist with the vacant position of secretary. A motion was made by Erica to allow the position of secretary be filled with the two people interested. Seconded by Heather. Motion carried.

**Principal Updates:**

**Jill Miller, Eastgate** – 269 students currently enrolled. There is 1 section of KinderCubs, 8 sections of Kindergarten, and 7 sections of 1<sup>st</sup> grade. 10 of the 16 teachers took part in home visits, and the district continues to be supportive. The school is feeling tight, and a computer lab and teacher lounge is being used for meetings. Benchmark testing for the Fall has already started. Friday, September 9 is the Flipping for Kids fundraiser to raise money for the East Helena Tiger Fund. Thursday, September 22 is Open House from 6:00-7:30 and dinner will be served. Early release and Picture Day on Monday, September 26.

**Joe McMahon, Radley** – 533 students currently enrolled. They have added 5 new classroom teachers and 2 new instructional tutors. They also added a 6<sup>th</sup> section of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The first 15 minutes of every day is check-in time; the teachers sit with their class and talk about things that are on their mind. There was a news article on Governor, and he is off to a great start.

**Dan Rispens, EVMS** – Dan was not available for an update.

**Treasurer Report:** Erica provided a draft budget that needs to be finalized during the October meeting. She discussed the State Employees' Charitable Giving Campaign. One expense to approve this month - \$525 to AZ for taxes. Motion made by Heather to pay expense. Seconded by Amy. Motion carried.

**Bylaws Update:**

Motion made by Heather to change **Article III, Section 1** to the following verbiage:

Any past/present/future parent, guardian, community member standing in to support a student or teacher at the school may be a member and shall have voting rights. The principal and any teacher employed at the school may be a member and have voting rights. Membership in this PTO shall be made available without regard to race, color, creed or national origin.

Seconded by Amy. Motion carried.

Motion made by Heather to change **Article IV, Section 3** to the following verbiage:

Nominations and Elections. Elections will be held at the April annual meeting. At that meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor. Voting shall be by voice vote if a slate is presented. If more than one person is running for an office, co-positions shall be assigned.

Seconded by Amy. Motion carried.

**Open House:**

**Radley** – Thursday, September 8 from 6:00 – 7:00

Lee Musgjerd and Amy Strainer will attend for PTO

**Eastgate** – Thursday, September 22 from 6:00 – 7:30

Erika Carroll and Heather Ireland will attend for PTO

**Great American Fundraiser:** The theme this year is emoji. The kick-off assembly is Monday, October 3 at Eastgate, and Tuesday, October 4 at Radley. The fundraiser ends on Monday, October 17 and product will be delivered on Thursday, November 17. Volunteers will be needed.

**OctoberFest:** Lisa, Clancy, and Mindy are working on details for the OctoberFest which will be held on either October 28 or 29 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Eastgate. Clancy discussed having a costume exchange. Trish Klock may high schoolers that could help with the event. Heather made a motion to budget \$500 for the event. Seconded by Amy. Motion carried.

**Box Tops/Campbell Soup Labels:** Lee submitted \$294.40 worth of box tops this summer and 3,939 Campbell soup points. Amy mentioned that the Campbell soup program has been extended for a year, but will eventually be ending. Lee also brought her receipt for the submission for \$25.25 to be reimbursed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00pm in the EVMS Library.