

Eastridge Parent Teacher Organization  
Monthly Meeting  
August 2, 2016 7pm Eastridge Media Center

**Welcome & Celebrate! Introductions**

**Members in attendance:** Erin Chambers, Heidi Widner, Kelly Braswell, Emily Dutter, Ann Bender, Dara Frost, Deb Dabbert, Kris Brenneis, Paul Welsh, Michelle Buller, Matt Oates, Evamarie Coffin, Laurie Holman, Lisa Hoffman, and Patrick Janike

**Approval of the Minutes 5/3/2016, Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting 6/9/2016**

Minutes Approved

**Results of the "email vote" on the final budget for 2015-16 academic year**

Final Budget was approved. Additionally, there was an e-mail vote in June to move \$8,000 from general account to the playground account and this was approved.

**Treasurer's Report, Kelly Braswell**

Kelly reported savings account balance of \$2,728.24, Playground account balance of \$1,344.62 with items pending, and checking account balance of \$8,942.38 with transactions pending.

**Principal's Report, Deb Dabbert**

Enrollment has been fluctuating as families move in and out of the school over the summer. Current enrollment is 312 students. There will be 3 sections of grades K - 2 for the coming school year. Administration has been busy with many staff changes. These will be announced in the principal's newsletter when all is finalized. Class lists will be posted at the Open House. Dismissal for the first three days of school will be 2:18. Curriculum Night will be held Aug. 23.

**Teacher's Report, Erin Chambers**

Erin Chambers reported that teachers have had opportunities to attend workshops over the summer. These have included technology workshops, Anita Archer conducted workshops on explicit instruction, and workshops on BIST, which is one of the classroom management plans implemented at Eastridge. More information on this will be provided at Curriculum Night.

**Old Business/Committee Updates**

1. **Dine Out Nights, Chair:** Tyler Dutter  
Emily Dutter reported that the first three dine out nights have been tentatively scheduled: Aug. 30, Dairy Queen, Sept 20, Chipotle, and Valentinos in October with the date to be announced.
2. **Back to School Splash Bash** 8/6/2016 11am-12:45pm, Chair: Sara Brown, Emily Dutter  
Emily Dutter reported that this event is taking place next Sunday, Aug 6. at Eastridge Pool.
3. **Ice Cream Social and Open House** 8/11/2016 6-7pm, Chair: Emily Dutter  
Emily Dutter reported that volunteers are needed to sell ice cream and spirit apparel at this event. Signupgenius is being used this year for volunteering. A computer will be available at the Open House for families who have not had an opportunity to sign up.
4. **Boo Hoo Yahoo Breakfast** 8/15/2016, 9:05am, Eastridge Media Center, Chair: Emily Dutter  
This annual event is planned for incoming kindergarten parents to become acquainted with the PTO and meet other kindergarten families
5. **Eastridge Spirit Apparel**, Co-Chairs: Bob Reeker, Emily Dutter  
This year's shirts will come in two different designs, in two different colors. These will be available at the Open House.
6. **Eagle's Nest**  
Mrs. Dabbert reported that Give to Lincoln Day and other fundraisers have allowed for two decks to be poured and tables have been purchased.
7. **PTO communication**
  - a. Weekly Email Blasts - these go out each Monday beginning Aug. 7
  - b. Alumni mailing list and general mailing list and unsubscribes - Families that have left Eastridge have been removed from the list and new families are being added as available.
  - c. Summer "snail mail" mailing from LPS with PTO Welcome Back Letter - this was sent in July
  - d. Postcards to new families - went out July 29 to welcome new families and let them know about upcoming events.
  - e. Newsletters: Erin Chambers will send the out the last Friday of the month. The newsletter is also posted on face book and PTO website.
  - f. Website and Facebook (PTO and Alum) sites: Bob Reeker maintains these sites
  - g. Friday Folders, Co-Chairs: Emily Dutter and Heidi Widner  
Deadlines: The Friday **prior** by 12pm for materials needing printing  
Thursday by 12pm for preprinted materials  
Friday Folder stuffing: Thursday afternoons, Friday am/early pm. Volunteers are welcome
8. **Master Calendar 2016-17**
9. **Volunteers/Chairs, signup sheets and signupgenius.com**  
Signupgenius information was on facebook page and the summer mailing. This will continue to be promoted for volunteer sign up.
10. **School Directory**, signup sheets, Chair: Sian Jones-Jobst

11. **Eagles' Nest and Grounds Committee Update**, Co-Chairs: Lora Carpenter-Janike and Pat Janike

Pat Janike reported the desks and table are being installed. Musical play instruments ordered at the beginning of the summer will be installed next. There will be signage up at the Open House regarding the next phases of the Eagles Nest. The committee has been working with the Lower Platte NRD and Nebraska Arboretum for planting ideas and will next look for funding opportunities for that project.

12. **Eastridge Earnings Update**, Chair: Wendy O'Brien

The school collects Box Tops, Best Choice labels, and Labels for Education labels. Each month the classrooms have a competition for which class collects the most. A volunteer to co-chair this fundraiser is needed.

**New Business**

1. **Fall Fundraiser**, Chair: Sara Brown (Chippe Shoppe)

Emily Dutter reported that this year's goal is \$4,500.00. The packets will go home Aug 29, are due back Sept 14, and Oct 4th is the scheduled delivery day. As a reward, a family thank you celebration will be scheduled.

2. **Student Photos**, Chair: Tara Dice

This year there will only be Fall Photos.

3. **P/T Conference Meals**, Co-Chairs: Angie Alesio, Bob Reeker

First semester meals have been planned with Premier catering. Volunteers are needed for setup and clean up.

4. **Fall Book Fair**, Chair: Kris Brenneis, Cara Frost (Scholastic)

Dates are Sept 13 -16. Families may use signupgenius to volunteer.

5. **Classroom Parties**, Ann Bender, Sarah Lowe

Fall parties are scheduled for Oct. 13. Sarah Lowe will learn what is involved in planning the parties in preparation for co-chairing this activity.

6. **Skate Nights**, Chair: Heidi Widner

Skate Night is scheduled for Nov. 15. With Skate Zone closing at the end of the school year, Heidi will see if there are any March dates available for a final Skate Night.

7. **Movie Nights**, Chair: Melissa Zahourek

A movie night is hosted as one of the quarterly free family events. The students vote on what movie will be shown. The date is to be announced.

8. **Staff Appreciation**, Co-Chairs: Deb Dabbert, Sian Jones-Jobst

Treats for the teachers are provided monthly to provide support and appreciation for all they do.

9. **Edible Car Night**, Chair: Tyler Dutter

Annual event is scheduled for Feb. 16.

10. **Adult Fundraiser Night**, Chair: Bob Reeker and Juliann Riley

This biennial event is in the early planning phases and is tentatively planned for April.

11. **2016-17 Free Family Events** (GOAL: 1 PER QUARTER): (1) Back to School Splash Bash, Thank you Celebration, (3)

MovieNight - date tba (4) Wellness Night, 1/31, (5) Edible Car Night, 2/16

Nature Night is held every other year and the Fall fundraiser thank you celebration will take its place as one of free family events for this year.

12. **Other New Business/Open Comment**

The question was raised if a class supply suggestion list was sent out in this summer's mailing. Mrs. Dabbert clarified that as a public school this is no longer being provided. If families wish to contribute to their child's classroom, they may ask the classroom teacher what may be needed. The teachers receive support from the PTO for class supplies so a potential hardship is not placed on families.