

Eastridge Parent Teacher Organization  
Monthly Meeting  
January 10, 2017 7pm Eastridge Media Center

**Welcome & Introductions:** Emily Dutter, Deb Dabbert, Michelle Buller, Lisa Hoffman, Traci Boothe, Cara Frost, Angie Alesio, Jessica Kelsar, Barb Wallingford, Ashley Thiesfeld, Kristi Green, Paul Welsh, Tenisa Hall.

**Approval of the Minutes from 11/1/16 and 12/6/2016 meetings:** Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report, Emily Dutter for Kelly Braswell:** Current checking account balance is \$10,357.45. Savings account balance is \$2,729.27. A check from Original Works sales of \$566.25 went to the art department.

**Principal's Report, Deb Dabbert:** Second semester assembly was held Dec. 22. Mrs. Dabbert will accompany Kim Young to this week's East Rotary Club meeting. Ms. Young will be receiving the Teacher of the Month Award. Report cards go home Friday Jan. 13. The Nebraska Association of Elementary Principals has awarded Scrap Central and Angie Alesio the Friend of Education Award for Region 1. This resulted from a nomination from Mrs. Dabbert.

**Teacher's Report:** Mrs. Wallingford reported that students and teachers came back refreshed from Winter Break. First grade is enjoying getting to know their new student teacher, Ms. Thiesfeld. They are beginning research projects and have switched to using macs for this project which is more user friendly for them. First grade teachers appreciate the ongoing support of the PTO.

#### **Old Business/Committee Updates**

1. **2016-2017 Master Calendar, Emily Dutter:** No updates
2. **Eastridge Earnings Update, Chair: Wendy O'Brien:** No Report.
3. **Eagles' Nest, Chair: Deb Dabbert for Patrick Janike:** Committee is working on grants from Lowes and HyVee. The Lowes grant is to fund the deckings and upkeep of the Eagles Nest. The HyVee grant money is intended for new plantings. Survey to teachers regarding what educational tools are most desired for the Eagles Nest area has been conducted with helpful feedback. Risk management assessment of the proposed balance beam walking area for the Eagles Nest has approved this addition.
4. **Dine Out Nights, Chair: Emily Dutter for Tyler Dutter:** The next dine out night is Jan 24 at Zoup in Gateway Mall. Eastridge gets 20% percent of sales from 5-8 pm. Total proceeds from Dine Out Nights so far this year is \$935.27 with checks from Dairy Queen and Valentino's not yet received.
5. **2016-2017 Holiday Lights Drive, Co-chairs: Angie Alesio, Bob Reeker:** The light drive concludes with donations at the school on Jan. 15. Scrap Central will remove the bin on Jan. 16, weather permitting. The bin has filled twice and donations are increased from last year. Looking forward, grants for equipment such as permanent containers to use at the fire stations and other outdoor sites are being researched.
6. **Movie Nights, Chair: Melissa Zahourek, Emily Dutter reporting:** Movie night is next

Friday, Jan. 20 with concession sales starting at 6:45 and the movie starting at 7 p.m. Voting is complete and the Secret Life of Pets will be shown.

7. **Wellness Night (1/31), Wellness Committee, Traci Boothe:** This will be held Jan. 31 from 6 -7:30. There will be 17 vendors and presenters involved this year including Community Crops, LPS Sustainability Program, and UNL Rec Center presenting information on nutrition. Theme for dress for the student is to dress as their favorite indoor or outdoor activity. Each grade will do a line dance. A flyer will come home with the time of each grade's performance.
8. **Scholastic Book Fair (2/6-2/10), Co-chairs: Kris Brenneis and Cara Frost:** The dates are Feb. 7-10 with a preview date of Feb. 6 for teachers. Times for the fair are 3:38 -7:15 Tuesday and Thursday, and 3:38 to 4:30 Wednesday and Friday. Sign up for volunteers is through Scholastic; this is a change from using sign up genius.
9. **Valentine's Day Class Parties (2/14), Chair: Ann Bender, Emily Dutter reporting:** Planning meeting for classrooms reps to plan the Valentine's parties was held Jan. 5. Guidelines regarding snacks and allergy awareness were reviewed. The plan of having a parent develop the party plan for each grade will be continued. Look for communication on volunteer needs.
10. **Edible Car Night (2/16), Chair: Emily Dutter for Tyler Dutter:** This is to be held Feb. 16. A flyer with details and volunteer request will go home soon.
11. **Spring Adult Fundraiser (4/29), Co-Chairs: Bob Reeker and Juliann Riley, Emily Dutter reporting:** The venue is the Clubhouse at Holmes Lake Golf Course, Apr 29, at 7:00. The theme is Birds of a Feather Fundraise Together. Cost per person will be \$20. The next committee meeting is Mon. Jan. 16 at 6:30. Anyone who is interest in helping plan this event is encouraged to attend.

## **New Business**

1. Parent-Teacher Conference Meals, Co-chairs: Bob Reeker, Angie Alesio: Premier catering will again be catering meals on Feb. 7 and 9 for teachers during Conferences. The budget is \$9 per person with approximately \$600 spent each semester. Most volunteers are in place for this event.
2. **Science Fair, Sara Kosmicki, chair: Emily Dutter, reporting.** Science Fair will be held. Feb. 28 from 6 - 7:15. Fifth grade students are required to participate and the event is open to all students. Call for volunteers will be upcoming.
3. **Other New Business/Open comments:** Sign up for Second semester conferences will begin next week.