

Eastridge Parent Teacher Organization
Monthly Meeting
December 6, 2016 7pm Eastridge Media Center

Welcome & Introductions: Erin Chambers, Kelly Braswell, Emily Dutter, Deb Dabbert, Michelle Buller, Lisa Hoffman, Traci Boothe, Cara Frost, Wendy O'Brien, Daina Johnson, Michael Zimbelman, and Sara Kosmicki

Approval of the Minutes from 11/1/16: Tabled until January meeting

Treasurer's Report, Kelly Braswell: Current checking account balance is \$12,174.78 with pending expenditures for Original Works and IRS payment, leaving a balance of \$10,499.00. Savings account balance is \$2,729.27. The checks for Original Works were made to the PTO, next year's the should be made to Eastridge School for appropriate accounting. Most dine out night checks have been received.

Principal's Report, Deb Dabbert: Mrs. Dabbert reported on the Park and Rec Department planning meeting regarding proposed changes to the Taylor Park Playground. The reasons for the changes are some equipment is not up to current code such as the castle slide and the nearby creek embankment needs improvement. The proposed new site is near Eastridge Pool. It would be geared towards children ages 3-7 and incorporate a picnic shelter. Most of the neighborhood residents who spoke at the meeting were in favor of keeping the playground at its current site. The committee is to do more evaluation and next meeting is set for Thursday Dec. 8.

Recent highlights at Eastridge have been: the giving tree is helping 27 families with Christmas gifts this year, a \$500 grant from Exxon Mobil was received. The Winter Concert was held Monday, Dec. 5. 2/3 of the 4th and 5th graders are involved in the performing arts groups.

Teacher's Report: Sara Kosmicki reported that announcements regarding the Science Fair are beginning earlier this year. An announcement will be in the Friday folders. The forms will go out after the first of the year. Judges are needed.

Old Business/Committee Updates

1. **2016-2017 Master Calendar, Emily Dutter:** The Walkathon date is yet to be set.
2. **Eastridge Earnings Update, Chair:** Wendy O'Brien: No Report
3. **Approval of PTO By laws changes:** Changes were approved.
4. **Eagles' Nest, Chair: Lora Carpenter-Janike, Deb Dabbert reporting:** Kindergarten students were given produce from the garden boxes. In the future, this will be promoted more on facebook with more information on the chairs Patrick Janike and Lora Carpenter-Janike to put a face with the name for families receiving produce. The platforms will be installed late February or early March depending on the temperature. The musical instruments have arrived and will be installed once the platforms are completed.
5. **Dine Out Nights, Chair: Emily Dutter for Tyler Dutter:** Dine out Weekend at Maggie's Vegetarian Cafe was last weekend. The next dine out night is Jan 24 at Zoup in Gateway Mall. Eastridge gets a percentage of sales from 5-8pm.

6. **Skate Nights (11/15, 3/23), Chair: Heidi Widner, Emily Dutter reporting:** The PTO received a check for \$85 from the November Skate Night. The next and final Skate Night is March 23.
7. **2016-2017 Holiday Lights Drive, Co-chairs: Angie Alesio, Bob Reeker, Emily Dutter reporting:** Emily and Bob Reeker did a promo on Channel 8. Collection continues and additional signage has been added. Volunteers are reminded to check their sites weekly. Jan. 4 is the final date for city-wide drop off locations; Jan. 15 is the last date for donations at the school.
8. **Movie Nights (11/4, 1/20), Chair: Melissa Zahourek, Emily Dutter reporting:** Movie Night was a success, snacks sold well and there are left over treats for the next Movie Night, Jan. 20

New Business

1. **Staff Appreciation (11/22), Co-chairs: Sian Jones-Jobst, Deb Dabbert:** These are held monthly. The November staff appreciation had a Thanksgiving theme.
2. **Wellness Night (1/31), Wellness Committee, Deb Dabbert:** This will be held Jan. 31 from 6 -7:30. Booths will be set up in the cafeteria with a light supper being served. Dancing and additional booths will be located in the gym. Volunteers are not needed as the staff help host this event.
2. **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. Sign up for volunteers is through Scholastic; this is a change from using sign up genius.
3. **Valentine's Day Class Parties (2/14), Chair: Ann Bender, Emily Dutter reporting:** Planning meeting for classrooms reps to plan the Valentine's parties is tentatively planned for Jan. 5.
4. **Edible Car Night (2/16), Chair: Emily Dutter for Tyler Dutter:** This is to be held Feb. 16. Parents experienced with this event are encouraged to volunteer.
6. **Spring Adult Fundraiser (4/29), Co-Chairs: Bob Reeker and Juliann Riley, Emily Dutter reporting:** The venue has been finalized as the Clubhouse at Holmes Lake Golf Course. The theme is Birds of a Feather Fundraise Together. Ideas are live and silent auction, and possibly a comedian for entertainment.
7. **Curriculum Council Update, Sian Jones-Jobst, Emily Dutter reporting:** Main topic was the progress of the Strategic Planning Survey; some key concerns raised through the survey were individualized education and preparedness for work or college after high school graduation. They toured the Neurnberger program facility for middle school students which emphasizes responsibility, learning, citizenship, and appropriate social skills.