

Eastridge Parent Teacher Organization  
Monthly Meeting  
April 4, 2017 7pm Eastridge Media Center

## **Welcome & Introductions**

**Members in attendance:** Emily Dutter, Lisa Hoffman, Erin Chambers, Deb Dabbert, Megan Paul, Lora Carpenter-Janike, Wendy O'Brien, Sara Hanson, Lindsey Stanley, Kelly Braswell, Megan Schmidt, Kelsey Schuettler, Traci Boothe, Sian Jones-Jobst

**Approval of the Minutes from 3/7/2017-** March minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report, Kelly Braswell:** Current checking account balance is \$5,657.34 and savings account balance is \$2,071.31. There are outstanding payments for the teachers wish list and book fair. We will be signing up for online banking which will allow to the treasurer to synch the bank account with Quickbooks.

**Principal's Report, Deb Dabbert:** Mrs. Boothe, the newly hired principal for next year, has begun transitioning to her new position. Interviewing for the Coordinator position is complete and the new hire should be announced in the next week. T-shirts for next years 5th graders will be ordered at the end of this school year to allow for pick up before the start of school and the shirts can be worn for their Fall school events. The construction zone deck and movement deck are being installed this month. Approximately \$2,360 was raised for the Backpack program. Spring Concert is May 1st.

**Teacher's Report:** The second grade team Mrs. Schmidt, Ms Schuettler, and Mrs. Chambers reported continued appreciation for PTO support. Kindergarten is enthusiastically thankful for the planting opportunity.

## **Old Business/Committee Updates**

1 **Master Calendar 2016-2017, Emily Dutter:** No updates

2. **Eagles' Nest and Grounds Committee Update Co-Chairs: Lora Carpenter-Janike:** Three pre-made backpacks are being ordered with respect for teachers' suggestions for use with the Eagles' Nest area. Teacher feedback will be encouraged once the backpacks are in use. Krista Madden helped the kindergarten with planting started plants. We have received a matching grant from the Nebraska State Arboretum, One grant application is outstanding. Results from this will be in mid-April. The project will be in the maintenance phase by the end of the school year. Activities for the summer months are to be announced.

3. **Eastridge Earnings Update Chair: Wendy O'Brien:** Ms. Schuettler's second grade class has won for this month. The reward is a pajama day.

4. **Skate Night, Emily Dutter for Heidi Widner:** The last Skate Night was held March 23rd.

5. **Bike Rodeo, Sara Hansen:** April 7<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date 21<sup>st</sup>) Event takes place this Friday. Forecast is for sunny weather. More parent volunteers would be appreciated.

6 **Defy Gravity Night, Emily Dutter:** This is scheduled for Thursday, April 13 from 6-9. patrons will need to say they are with Eastridge, waivers can be completed there and 15% of proceeds will go to the Eastridge PTO.

7. **Spring Recycling Drive, Emily Dutter for Angie Alesio and Bob Reeker, co-chairs:** April 22<sup>nd</sup> The drive will be from 10 - 12 noon. The website lists items that can be recycled and Christmas lights can be donated.

**6. Adult Fundraiser Night, Co-Chairs: Bob Reeker and Juliann Riley April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Registrations are coming slowly. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Registration forms will be distributed via e-mail also.

**7. Walk A Thon, Deb Dabbert reporting:** This will be held May 16 from 6-7 p.m. with a \$10 registration fee per family. This is the last year proceeds will go to support the Eagles nest since it is near completion. This year the goal is to purchase storage containers and more musical instruments for the music area. It is hoped that the new decks for the music and movement area can be used for the musician set up.

**10. Give to Lincoln Day 2017, Emily Dutter:** This is scheduled for May 18. UNL has designed a new online platform which will lower processing fees for donations. Emily will attend the training session on behalf of the PTO on April 25th.

### **New/Upcoming Business**

**1. Parent Interview Committee for LPS coordinator replacements:** Interviews are complete. Emily Dutter, PTO president, participated in interviews.

**2. Curriculum Council Meeting Sian Jones-Jobst:** The last meeting for this school year was April 3. This was held at the Art and Humanities Focus Program location. Information about the Arts and Science Focus Program was presented. The Science Focus program currently has 125 students and the portable classrooms will be replaced with a permanent building. The Arts and Humanities program currently has 80 students. Bryan Program location was also toured. The previous meeting was held at Wysong Elementary.

**3. PTO Officer Nominations for 2017-2018 school year:**

President: Erin Chambers  
Vice-President: Traci Boothe  
Past President: Emily Dutter  
President Elect: Lindsey Stanley  
Treasurer: Kelly Braswell  
Secretary: Lisa Hoffman

**4. 2017-2018 Committee Chair replacements:** Lindsey Stanley will join Cara Frost as co-chair for the Book Fair. A co-chair for Class Parties is needed. A new chair for the Fall Fundraiser is needed. Next year we will have Family Fun Night in the Spring, since this alternates with the Adult Fundraiser. Miss Schuettler, Mrs. Chambers, and Mrs. Schmidt are interested in helping organize this event.