

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

Welcome & Introductions

Members in Attendance: Erin Chambers, Kelly Braswell, Emily Dutter, Deb Dabbert, Paul Welsh, Michelle Buller, Laurie Holman, Lisa Hoffman, Lora Carpenter-Janike, Sian Jones-Jobst, Traci Boothe, David Krause, Stacy Duncan, Rachel Blaske, James Gustafson, Chris Hansen, and Sara Hansen

Approval of the Minutes from 8/2/16: Spelling corrections will be made and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report, Kelly Braswell: Values are as of the statement end date of July 29, 2016. Savings account balance is \$2,728.24. Checking balance as of statement date was \$16,772.99. Balance taking into account outstanding debits is \$8,734.38. There have been two playground accounts: the PTO playground account and the Eastridge Playground account. The PTO playground account will be closed and funds transferred to the Eastridge Playground account.

Principal's Report, Deb Dabbert: The school year is off to a great start with 326 students in attendance. There are three sections each of grades K -2, and two sections each of grades 3-5. The Open House was well attended. Curriculum Night allowed parents the opportunity to learn what curriculum will be covered this year in their children's classes. Parent/teacher conferences sign up has been on going through signupgenius. The registrar will contact any remaining families regarding scheduling conferences. Mrs. Boothe and Mrs. Dabbert have been hosting juice breaks to welcome students to Eastridge School. The annual Health Screening is scheduled for Sept. 30.

Teacher's Report, Stacy Duncan, ELL teacher, and David Krause, Kindergarten: Mr. Krause reported that the students are settled into the school year. He expressed gratitude for the support of the PTO and the funds for school supplies provided. Stacy Duncan also reported that the year has begun well for students. She is enjoying having a kindergartener that she works with and some new families with older children. She also expressed thanks for the help and financial support of the PTO.

Old Business/Committee Update

1. **Master Calendar 2016-2017, Emily Dutter:** Dates for the Bike Rodeo have been established. This event will take place on April 7, with April 21 being the rain date.

2. **Back to School Splash Bash 8/6/2016 11am-12:45pm, Chair: Sara Brown, Emily Dutter:** The weather cooperated for this event and about 100 people were in attendance. Spirit apparel was on sale with 12 shirts sold.
3. **Ice Cream Social and Open House 8/11/2016 6-7pm, Chair: Emily Dutter:** Due to the heat advisory, the ice cream social part of event was moved inside to the cafeteria. Ice Cream treat sales were lower than expected. Signupgenius was available for families to use to sign up for volunteering during the Open House. This was not well utilized, again, probably due to the moving of events due to the heat advisory.
4. **Boo Hoo Yahoo Breakfast 8/15/2016, 9:05am, Eastridge Media Center, Chair: Emily Dutter:** About 25 new families were in attendance for this event.
5. **Eastridge Spirit Apparel, Co-Chairs: Bob Reeker, Emily Dutter:** This weeks e-mail blast included an order form for Spirit Apparel with an ordering deadline of Friday Sept. 9. The next opportunity for on-site sales will be the Family Fun Night on Oct. 6.
6. **Pumpkin Run Club, Co-Chairs: Lora Carpenter-Janike, James Gustafson, Rachel Flowers:** James Gustafson and Lora Carpenter-Janike reported that they have 55 students signed up for this club and have divided the students into smaller running groups by age. It is not yet known how many club members will go on to complete in the Pumpkin Run; they are anticipating excellent participation.
7. **Eagle's Nest, Co-Chairs: Lora Carpenter-Janike & Pat Janike:** Information regarding plant suggestions provided by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum was shared. The priority items from 2015 have all been funded, some are yet to be completed. The 2016 priority items to be installed are the construction area, stepping stones. and log balance beam. Sept. 24 is scheduled for Fall Planting and Mulch Day. Volunteers are needed to help. Some of the planting will be done by classes during the school week. Classes have been using the Eagles Nest already this school for events such as releasing of the butterflies by 2nd grade.
8. **Eastridge Earnings Update, Chair: Wendy O'Brien:** Girl scouts are continuing to help with this going forward. Pat Riggins has taken over the charting of results from Mr. Reeker.
9. **Sign Up Genius Volunteer Page, Emily Dutter:** On-line volunteer sign up has been successful enough that paper volunteer forms will not need to be distributed. Additional volunteers will be recruited through the weekly communication as needed.
10. **School Directory, signup sheets, Chair: Sian Jones-Jobst:** Forms have only been submitted by 67 families. It was decided to have forms available at conferences for additional sign up. Once forms have been received, the list will be

reviewed against last years to catch any families that have participated in the past that may want to be included again this year.

11. **Friday Folders Co-Chairs: Emily Dutter & Heidi Widner:** Gaps in the volunteer schedule for Friday Folders were filled at the meeting by Sian Jones-Jobst and Kelly Braswell.
12. **Fall Fundraiser, Chair: Sara Brown (Chippe Shoppe):** Emily Dutter reported for Sara. The fundraiser is underway, prizes are being awarded daily during the turn in. The final date for turning orders is Sept 14.
13. **P/T Conference Meals, Co-Chairs: Angie Alesio, Bob Reeker:** All volunteers spots needed for the meals for teachers provided by the PTO are covered.
14. **Fall Book Fair, Chair: Kris Brenneis, Kelly Braswell (Scholastic):** Some volunteers are still needed for the Book Fair.
15. **Student Photos, Chair, Tara Dice:** Emily Dutter reported that Tara Dice has volunteers in place for Picture Day on Sept 28. Picture retakes will be Nov. 9.
16. **Classroom Parties, Co-Chairs: Ann Bender, Sarah Lowe:** This year the co-chairs will have a parent volunteer for each grade serve as a parent rep to coordinate the parent volunteers for the Fall and Valentine's Day parties. This will create more consistency with party activities in the different sections of each grade.
17. **2015-2016 Tax Filing, Heidi Widner:** In Heidi's absence this topic was tabled until next month's meeting in order to discuss the tax filing status in more depth.

New Business

1. **Dine Out Nights, Chair: Tyler Dutter:** Emily Dutter reported that Good Guys dine out night is Sept 7. The flyer was included in this week's e-mail blast. 10% of all sales will go to Eastridge. Nov. 20 is the Chipotle dine out night. For this, we are to get 50% of Eastridge sales and customers need to say that they are from Eastridge. There is the potential to add dine out night this winter for a weekend date at Maggie's Vegetarian Cafe.
2. **Skate Nights, Chair: Heidi Widner:** Fall Skate Night is Nov. 15 and final Skate Night will be Mar. 23.
3. **Movie Nights, Chair: Melissa Zahourek:** This year's movie nights are scheduled for Nov. 4 and Jan 20.
4. **Original Works, Chair: Bob Reeker:** Bob Reeker has been organizing this annual fundraiser through the school. He requested that this be run through the PTO. As a

PTO member, he will continue to organize this fundraiser. It raises approximately \$500 to \$1,000 yearly to support the art education program. A motion was passed that the PTO run the Original Works fundraiser and the proceeds be used to benefit the art education program at Eastridge.

5. **Fall Family Fun Day, Chair: Emily Dutter:** The event will be held Oct 6, from 5:45 to 7:30. The String Beans will be performing in the new Eagles Nest area from 6-7. Spirit Apparel will be on sale.
6. **Review of PTO By-laws:** Copies of the PTO by laws were made available. Please submit any changes to Emily Dutter by the October meeting. Approval of changes is scheduled for the November meeting.
7. **New PTO Google Drive for archived documents, Bob Reeker & Emily Dutter:** A new google drive has been set up for archived PTO documents. It has been advised to have them separate from the school's website. It was discussed how to make these documents available to families. The school directory will continue to be a paper document. Due to privacy and liability issues, this is not to be posted on-line.

Other New Business

Kelly Braswell, Deb Dabbert, Emily Dutter and Amy Dalton met and discussed possible changes to be made the PTO accounting practices to simplify the tax filing process. A motion was made for the PTO to purchase Quickbooks software. This motion was passed unanimously by the Executive Committee.