**PTO Minutes**

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**

 **6:30pm, ERS Library**

**President:**Introductions & Sept minutes approved

**Presentation:** Maya Kuhn and friends raised money at a lemonade stand and donated it to the PTO!

**Vice Presidents:**

Please see committee reports attached to the agenda.

**Treasurer:**

* Septemberfest profited $846.69
* A note to all those dealing with cash at events: Please let Kathryn know if you need a cash box, and please count any cash before giving it to Kathryn after the event.

**School Updates & Grade Highlights:**

* Brenda Wright – Thank you to the PTO for the new library space, which is bright, inviting, and warm. Staff love the ease of moment of furniture. All 4th and 5th grade parents received a letter re: *The Seventh Wish*. The goal of this letter was to be sensitive to families who might be impacted by difficult issues in the book.
* Dr. Wuch – Parents should please make their own decisions about how their children use the Fort. Additionally, ERS had the largest WGSD community forum attendance. Safety drills have been happening and are going well. Lastly, the WGSD Foundation changed the format of their grant application; Oct 1 was the deadline for the preliminary application. Four ERS grants will move on to the next phase; one of these grants was written by students!
* Mrs. Kissick – 4th and 5th graders are preparing for their December concert.
* Mr. Jordan – 5th grade will go to Hidden Valley this year; 4th grade will go ice skating.
* Mrs. Pott – Gifted nomination deadline is Dec 15, including gifted fine arts (which starts in 3rd grade, so 2nd graders can be nominated). First graders are automatically screened for the gifted program. Please see the district website for more information.

**Attendance Prizes:**  Nichole R. and Stephanie C.

**Next PTO meeting (Nov 1, 6:30pm):** We will vote on bylaw revisions at this meeting. Please note that there is no December meeting.