

PTO Minutes
Thursday, April 12, 2018
6:30pm, ERS Library

President: Welcome & March minutes approved

Guest Speaker: Becky Hauser, WGSD Foundation

Becky announced that ERS received > \$50K in WGSD Foundation grants this year; she reviewed examples of these grants. She also reminded everyone of the Webster on Wheels event in May.

Treasurer Report

- Current balance is \$39,330.44
- We made \$8K over the projected income and spent \$29,864.90, which is just under the budget expenses for the year.
- Kathryn reviewed the budget profits and expenditures.
- Trivia raised \$26,539.67

Vice Presidents: Committee Reports

- *Box Tops* – A collection was done after Spring Break; a check is due in April for everything turned in before March 1. It was requested to share the Scholastic video that explains how to cut boxtops properly to save time in prepping them for submission. Katie will not continue in this role next year.
- *Playground, Landscaping and Maintenance* – A chair is needed next year.
- *Room Parent Coordinator* – Teacher/staff appreciation week is in May and needs to be coordinated.
- *Coffee Committee* – Next date is April 27.
- *Parent to Parent Outreach* – This is focused on kindergarten families. Ashley will get a list of new parents from Dr. Wuch and enlist volunteers to make calls and place yard signs. There is some talk of doing “meet and greets” at school this summer; Mrs. Lusse is willing to help with this.
- *Social Chair* – Zumbathon is 4/20 in ERS gym, 7-8:30 (\$10, no kids); Dr. Wuch will promote to staff.
- *Enrichment* – Jackie Charlottis the new chair for next year.
- *Trivia Night & Auction* – A chair is needed for next year.
- *Penny Drives* – No updates.
- *Scholastic Book Fair* – “All for Books” will collect extra/spare change when books are purchased; Scholastic will match in Scholastic Dollars whatever is collected. It was suggested that next year we take Scholastic Dollars (55% profits) rather than cash (25% profit) next year. The challenge is that this fundraiser is split 25/25/25/25 between PTO/library/music/art.
- *Original Works* – Profit was over \$1000 dollars this year, with orders up. Original Works suggested a fall program, with orders for Christmas.
- *Day at the Ballpark* (5/17) – Tickets are \$17 and must be purchased by April 27. Music Makers will sing Take me Out to the Ballgame at the 7th inning stretch.

School Update: Dr. Wuch

- The third grade teachers were in attendance, along with Susan Heins. They shared information about “Market Day,” in which students file a business application (good/service), develop a business plan, and sell their good/service in the cafeteria at the end of the year. All students have “\$5” to spend and split time between running their business and shopping. Students figure out their profit and how much tax they have to pay. They debrief on improvements to make for next time and why.

- Dr. Wuch talked about the “Kindergarten Here I Come” grant; all incoming kindergarten parents receive a copy of the book, and all kindergarten teachers will read the book and do related activities in the first week of school. Kindergarten will have a play-based, hands-on curriculum.
- Retirements: Susan Heins (reading), TJ Wilmering (kindergarten)
- Staffing changes:
 - Kindergarten: Carrie Sachtleben and Mrs. Tebbe (current TA) will move to kindergarten.
 - 1st grade: A new teacher is coming from Rittner
 - 2nd grade: Mrs. Lemiux is leaving, and a new teacher will be hired (currently interviewing)
 - 3rd grade: A new grade teacher will be added; Kelly Wilkes will move to 3rd grade
 - Reading: A new teacher will be coming from STL Public Schools
 - Music: Mrs. Morkrikow is leaving and will be replaced with a teacher from Mehlville
- 65 kindergarteners are enrolled for next year (vs. 70 in current class).
- A second modular will arrive and be placed perpendicular to the existing modular (on the blacktop); all 3rd grade classes will be in the modulares. Due to the new addition, a fence will be placed near where the green space meets Edgar Rd, to allow for the kids to use the green space to play.
- After next year, another 4th grade classroom will be added, music will lose its room, and the cafeteria will be too small; Dr. Wuch is advocating for an addition to the school.

New Business:

- It was voted to have the “All for Books” change donation collection at the Fair this year.
- Board Nominations: Kathryn Drennen (Treasurer); Lauren Arnold (Secretary); Katy Proffer and Katie Rengel (co-VPs)
- Items for vote in May: Board members, fundraisers, by-laws.
- The current Board is going to update the by-laws before for a vote in May.
- Teresa and Ashley summarized the time commitment and responsibilities.
- Fundraising ideas were discussed and will be voted on in May: Trivia Night, Bookfair (accept Scholastic Dollar profit rather than cash), 5K Run, Original Works (move to fall), Zumbathon, Cardinal’s Calendars, Kenrick’s Meats, Entertainment Books, Penny Drive, Panera, Vendor Fair
- Trivia Night leadership was discussed.
- Dr. Wuch suggested putting together a list of fundraisers done this year, profit made, and estimated effort level; Teresa will put that together.

Meeting concluded at 7:15pm.

Next Meeting: May 3, 6:30pm