

**PTO Minutes**  
**Thursday, Jan 5, 2017**  
**6:30pm, ERS Library**

**President:** Meeting brought to order at 6:33pm; Nov minutes approved

- Teresa asked for suggestions of guest speakers. Dr. Wuch suggested Susan Bergmann, District Math Supervisor and Tim Brown, IT Coordinator; she said that Tim suggested partnering with another PTO to co-sponsor an event in April.

**Vice Presidents:**

- **Enrichment:** Classes start soon, all is good to go.
- **Trivia Night (3/4, St. Elizabeth's):** Amber Sidwell is hosting a planning meeting 1/12 @ 6:30pm at her home; all are welcome. An MC is needed. Ashley Cade is coordinating room and teacher baskets. Becky and Carla will organize the balloon pop, raffle, etc.
- **Talent Show (1/13, 7pm):** All forms are due 1/9, with rehearsal 1/11 @ 5pm. Next year, Dr. Wuch would like to add a daytime performance (as a rehearsal for evening performance). Nina will talk to parents involved this year for feedback.
- **Box Tops:** A check was received for \$1,141 (\$838 from previous year; \$40 outstanding). Ms. Raymond's class is in the lead for collecting the most boxtops, with Mr. Hake in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Mr. Hunsinger in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Shelley will delete the "labels for education" section on the PTO website.
- **Dinner & a movie (3/10):** Next year, there will be more time between Trivia Night and this event.
- **Night at Ballpark (5/17, 7:15):** Music Makers will sing "God Bless America"; ticket info will follow.

**Treasurer:**

- Balance: \$15,000. However, a number of invoices were received in last 24 hours for Enrichment classes, so it is estimated the balance will be down to \$10,000
- Bylaw Amendments were approved:
  - Prior to 2014, FY was 8/1-7/31; after 2014, FY was changed to 6/1-5/31 changed but bylaws were not changed. A vote was taken and the bylaw changed was approved this change.
  - It was proposed to finalize and approve a budget at the May PTO meeting rather than the August meeting (3 months into the new budget year); Mel Thompson made a motion for this change, which was approved, and the bylaws will be amended accordingly.
- A \$7250 deposit was received for Enrichment.
- Movie Night lost \$11.
- The Penny Drive (\$230) and Book Fair (\$372) profits were divided with Music, Art, and the Library.

**Principal & Staff Report:**

- Staff introductions: Denny Fuller, kindergarten interventionist and Colleen Schrappen, PE teacher, both of whom are part-time at ERS
- At next Monday's District Board meeting, decisions will be made about whether or not to offer ½ day kindergarten starting in the 2017-2018 school year.
- Dr. Wuch presented the PTO with an \$800 Foundation grant to build an awning between the modular unit and main building. Dr. Wuch obtained a bid for \$1500 to build an arched awning over the steps on the main building leading to the modular unit. This could be Phase I of a project that could lead to a pathway between the two. Dr. Wuch asked the maintenance department to see if there is extra district money to help support this.
- Counselor appreciation week is Jan 30-Feb 3.

### **Principal & Staff Report (cont'd):**

- Based on staff feedback, specials will switch back to a Monday-Friday schedule **effective 1/9/17** for the second half of the year. The A-B-C-D-E schedule presented challenges for other scheduling aspects. For instance the Special School District resource that works on a M-F schedule, and that can conflict with classroom availability when special days/times change.
- Ways to Solve a Problem poster with the "I Message" was introduced at school: Ignore, Move Away, Ask a Grownup for Help
- Dr. Wuch would like to make some changes to the end of year awards assembly. Staff feedback indicate that it is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> graders, but the recognition of every child in school takes a significant amount of time. The meaningfulness of this was questioned, and it was suggested that a classroom recognition ceremony would be more personalized. Dr. Wuch is looking for a way to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and send them off to Steger. She also would like to retain the all-school song aspect of the assembly.
- The end-of-year carnival will not be held this year, and the 5K will stand on its own, followed by a pancake breakfast.
- Two ideas were discussed for an end-of-year celebration on the last day of school: An informal all-school picnic at Blackburn (afternoon option) and a Blacktop Ball (evening option).

### **New Business:**

- We will vote on 2017-2018 fundraisers at the April meeting – new ideas are welcome.
- **Johnny-on-the-Spot wall:** A Boy Scout is taking this on as an Eagle Project.
- **Track Club** will most likely meet T/Th in April, but the schedule is not yet finalized.

**Next meeting:** Feb 9 at 6:30pm

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm**