

PTO Minutes
Thursday, February 5, 2015
6:30pm, ERS Library

President: Meeting brought to order at approximately 6:30pm; January minutes approved

Guest Speakers: Dr. Sara Riss, Superintendent, provided a presentation on the upcoming future of the Webster Groves School District.

- Among the proposed school changes is turning the Computer School in to Steger Elementary School, a partial neighborhood school and a partial school of choice. A redistricting process would begin in April 2016 with notifications of the changes in Spring 2017.
- Proposition S and Proposition W will be on the ballot in April 2015.
- Prop S is a \$.65 tax levy to keep staffing and salaries at county median.
- Prop W is a \$.28 bond issue for changes to the building space and the Hixson Middle Center.

Much additional information was provided. Other representatives discussed their views on why the Webster Groves community should support both propositions. They encouraged people to go to supportingwebsterschools.org for more information.

Dr. Riss also discussed traits that the ERS community wants for our next principal. Discussions ensued.

Vice Presidents:

- Teacher Appreciation – need volunteers to assist in teacher meals for the March Conferences; need someone who is interested in running that committee next year.
- Trivia Auction (4/11) – looking for people to volunteer on auction day/evening; PTO is asking for donations & encouraging people to sign up to host parties that could be auctioned.
- Family Dance – needs a chairperson.
- Teacher Conferences (March 9-11) – Book fair will be held in conjunction with conferences.
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Treasurer:

- Bank balance is currently \$8,846.

New Business:

- Board positions and 2015-2016 fundraising will be discussed at the March 5 meeting, so participation and suggestions are welcome and appreciated.

Miscellaneous: Attendance drawing

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next Meeting: March 5, 2015