

**PTO Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 7, 2015**  
**6:30pm, ERS Library**

**President:** Meeting brought to order at 6:37pm; October minutes approved

**Guest Speakers:** Denise Pearl – Webster Groves District Foundation (Avery)

- Purpose: Expand learning opportunities, support innovation
- The Foundation sponsors several events to raise money for the District (e.g. Ivory Crockett run, Teacher Tribute donations) and provides grants to the PTO and teachers
- Foundation awarded ERS grants to add new learning software to ipads, to purchase instruments, and to sponsor Chess Club
- Consider a PTO liaison to the Foundation
- Next event: party in the Pageant will be held 1/24/15

**Vice Presidents:**

- Enrichment (Virginia Smith) – overwhelming response for both class offerings and enrollment; classes will run 1/12 through 3/3
- Penny Drives – plans to choose a date, information is forthcoming
- Dinner and a movie (Ashley Otto Green) – 1/16/15, *101 Dalmatians*, need someone with a Costco card to pick up cookies, water, soda
- Trivia & Auction – 4/11/15, still seeking volunteers to coordinate baskets, put together PPT, solicit donations from community businesses
- Facebook – people are responding to posts requesting volunteers; planning to post a document with events and respective contact people

**Treasurer:**

- ipads were purchased for teachers, leaving a \$9,000 cash balance

**Principal & Faculty Report:**

- The school purchased a charging cart, insurance, and covers for the ipad minis
- Dr. Moore (CFO for the District) will be at the next morning coffee to talk about the bond issue
- Dr. Riss & Dr. Moore are coming to the next PTO meeting to talk about the April bond issue

**Old Business:**

- Nothing to report

**New Business:**

- Upcoming meetings: Will discuss board and fundraisers for next year
- Please bring new fundraising ideas to the board's attention

**Miscellaneous:** Attendance drawing

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm

**Next Meeting:** February 5, 2015