

PTO Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2016
6:30pm, ERS Library

President: Meeting brought to order at 6:31pm; February minutes approved

Vice Presidents:

- **Boxtop Store & Labels for Education (3/3, 3/4)** – The Labels program will be discontinued on 8/1/16. The points we have will be used to purchase items for the carnival and for Boxtop store.
- **Giving Studio** –The Giving Studio is being put on hold and will not be available for a fundraiser next year. This year, we made \$858 (vs. \$1500 last year). We may replace this with the “fun pasta” fundraiser next year (to be voted on in April).
- **Day at the Ballpark (5/6/16)** – Hollie Torbit is chairing this event. Tickets will be sent to Music Makers next week, then the remainder will be released to the rest of the school.
- **Penny Drive** will be held the week leading up the 5K; a chair is identified.
- **Book Fair (3/7-3/10)** – Volunteers are needed on 3/9 (daytime). Anyone interested should contact Amie McIlroy.
- **Original Works** – Money is due 3/4.
- **Landscape Committee** – A group clean-up will be held on a Saturday in April, date to be determined.
- **WGSD Foundation** – Three events are coming up:
 - **Spring for Schools (4/26)** – Local stores will donate 25% of profits to WGSD Foundation.
 - **Webster on Wheels (5/1)** – This is a new family event with bike demonstration.
 - **Gold/Auction (5/13)** – Event will be at the Westborough Country Club. Those interested in volunteering should contact Sarah King.
 - **Teacher Tribute Letters** will go out in late April/early May for donations.
- **Trivia Night (3/5)** – We have 29-30 tables, 4 of which are staff tables; 160 baskets were donated.
- **End of the year Carnival (5/14)** – Several volunteers have stepped up, so the event will happen. We’re looking at having Chris’ Pancakes come again.
- **Enrichment** is winding down; a few classes have make-ups next week because of the snow days.
- **Conference dinners (3/7, 3/9)** – Food is ordered for Monday (pizza) and (Wed (subs), with parents providing sides/drinks. Anyone interested in donating food should sign up via the link on Facebook and in the Wed email. Conference dinner set up is 2:30-3, with cleanup at 7:15. Volunteers are needed to set up on Wed and for cleanup both nights. The staff requested food be available to eat around 4pm; Amber will coordinate time of food delivery.

Treasurer: Current balance is \$15,808.

- The library was paid for the Nov book fair.
- Anticipate a \$1,000 disbursement for landscaping in April.
- We are hoping for a big donation from Trivia, which will be used for teacher grants in August.

Principal & Faculty Report:

- 25 staff are attending Trivia Night, and tables were requested together. Library boards will be on display. Dr. Wuch would like to say a few opening words.
- Social media is live (Twitter, Facebook, blog).
- Spirit Wear is on sale for the next two weeks; a second store will open in a few weeks. It was requested to make the second logo available for viewing so that people can make a decision on which Spirit Wear to purchase.

- MAP testing is April 11-19. 5th grade will have 7 days of testing. Week #1 is T-F, Week #2 is T-Th.
- Dilly Bar day will tentatively be 4/29.

Old Business

- The library received one proposal. A small room will be built near the office to house the guided reading collection. The current classroom will be removed and spaced opened for student work. There will be soft seating areas. The smartboard will be located against the far back wall. Tables will fold up and nest to open space when needed. The shelving on the floor will be mobile, with fixed shelving along the walls. The general layout will remain the same as what has been proposed, but the internal layout will vary based on other vendor proposals. Mrs. Wright shared photos of soft seating options, all in colors. A quote from CI Select is expected tomorrow (3/4). The color scheme being considered is Webster orange, lime green, and purple; this would be incorporated into soft seating, wall accent colors, and rugs. Construction will happen this summer, and the district will pay to take down and put up walls.

New Business

- Next month's meeting focus on 2016-17 PTO board elections and choosing 2016-17 fundraisers. The President role will be vacated. Some board members are interested in returning. More help is always welcome. Anyone with fundraiser ideas, should please bring them to the meeting or email them to Amber ahead of time.
- Teacher Appreciation week was discussed. The conversation from last meeting was raised, where questions were asked about appreciating all staff. This will be put on the agenda for April so that a school-wide decision can be made on how to structure the week.
- A parent suggested a "keep bracelet" for Dr. Wuch for Principal Appreciation day and had worked up a design for a bracelet in Webster colors with a pawprint. Keys go on it, and you can order extra ones. PTO pays for the principal gift for Principal Day, with another gift for Mrs. DePung. PTO generally spends \$50-\$75 per gift.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2016