

PTO Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2018
6:30pm, ERS Library

President: Welcome & February minutes approved

Treasurer Report

- Current balance is \$18,758.27
- \$395 earned from Family Reading Night
- \$770 profit on Cardinals calendars
- \$1200 profit from Enrichment but more reimbursements are coming

Vice Presidents: Committee Reports

- Kenrick's Meat Fundraiser – Cancelled; the Chair moved and nobody stepped up to volunteer.
- Zumbathon – It was voted to make the event adults only. Betsy Moppert will book the gym 6-10pm.
- Scholastic Book Fair – Fair will be in April and coincide with Grandparents Day and Zumbathon.
- Morning Coffee – Next event is March 30.
- Original Works – Packets were sent out to kids; deadline is extended to March 6.
- Boxtops – Next pickup is March 15, to be submitted for April 1 deadline; reminders requested for Sunday Scoop (3/11) and Paw Print (3/14). Team 5 helped with cutting boxtops last month but there wasn't enough time to get all the work done, so parent helpers will be used next time.
- Penny Drive – Week of April 2.
- Day at the Ballpark – May 17, forms will be sent home March 28; tickets will be \$17; new chair (Laurie Hendrix) is shadowing Hollie Torbitt.
- Grounds Committee – March meeting will be held to schedule plantings with flowers that last better throughout the summer; new chair is needed for next year.
- Room Parent Coordinator – Classroom parties are done; staff appreciation week is next. A discussion was held about whether or not to continue parties next year, as there have been numerous requests by parents to eliminate these. All-school activities were suggested instead: e.g. Halloween costume parade and dance party on the blacktop; Winter service project or pjs, hot cocoa and a movie; Valentine's making cards for senior citizens and/or kids at Children's hospital.
- Social Chair – Two individuals are interested in chairing next year. Serendipity is interested in a fundraiser where 10% of proceeds go to the school. Top three schools then are in the running for an additional 5% of proceeds.
- Trivia & Auction (Mel J., 3/3/18) – Saturday night!
- Enrichment – New chair is needed for next year; Dr. Wuch will meet with the Board to discuss program structure for next year.

School Update: Ms. Moppert

- Grandparents Day will be held April 18. Grandparents will attend events during the day, with a musical performance by kindergarten and 1st grade.
- Fourth grade teachers were in attendance. Jeff City field trip is April.
- Mr. Hake's class is working on the Civil War, making interactive maps and studying slavery; they are also learning about historical figures in Black History month. He has been putting up pictures of people who have made all sorts of contributions and has the students figure out what they have in common. He shared a story about a conversation students had about whether the Confederate flag or Confederate monuments should be displayed. Mr. Hake also talked about reading groups and how Mrs. Lubley has been helping out tremendously to keep those running smoothly.
- Mr. Keller's class is using restorative circles to discuss challenges and conflict in the classroom. He is reading aloud *Bud not Buddy*, using it to talk about rules.
- Mrs. Kindle's class is also using restorative circles. They have been talking about Martin Luther King Day, civil rights, and social justice, which lent itself to Black History month where discussion was held about roles of Black Americans (music, history, math, etc.). They are now talking about Women's History Month and reading *She persisted* aloud, using that to generate conversation.
- It was suggested that the entire grade should be using those circles to address issues happening in the grade (even if the issues are in another class).
- Phase II library project costs: Mobile shelving cost is \$3,866.69; the reading area cost is \$7042.32.
- Dr. Wuch and Mrs. Eckert were awarded a grant to purchase *Kindergarten, here I come!* book to send to all new incoming kindergarten.
- The next all-school book will be "*It's okay to be different,*" to be started after Spring Break.

New Business:

- Recruitment is underway for PTO President and Vice President (2 slots). There has not been any interest from people in volunteering for these roles. A Trivia Night Chair is also needed. Teresa is happy to talk to anyone about what the roles entail. Recruitment flyers will go home next week.
- 2018-2019 fundraising will be discussed at next month's meeting and voted on in May.
- There was discussion about the relationship between the Equity Group and PTO; discussion will continue with the Board and at the April PTO meeting. Both groups are in competition for the same pool of volunteers and are setting up events that could be in competition with each other. This year PTO supported the EG with \$1000. The group is looking to make itself sustainable and has discussed if they should continue to requested money from the PTO. One option is to make the EG a PTO committee. It was also noted that the Computer School has an equity board member on the PTO.
- Meeting concluded at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting: April 5, 6:30pm