

PTO Minutes
Thursday, February 4, 2016
6:30pm, ERS Library

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

Guest Speaker: Brenda Wright, Library Committee

- Brenda is meeting with CI Select to see their proposed design and get pricing. She will take the ideas presented to two additional vendors for bids.
- Proposed idea is to remove the classroom and build a room in the corner behind the current circulation desk to house guided reading. To open up the space, the circulation desk would be moved to where the classroom is located, and the smartboard would move back towards the steps. The room in the back corner will house technology. The District will pay to take down/put up walls.
- Tables being considered can be joined into different formations or nested to provide flexible space.
- Shelving is still being considered. A group will visit CI Select showroom on March 2 (1pm).
- The District is supportive of adding doors but doesn't have the funds to pay for that at this time.

Vice Presidents:

- **Landscaping Committee** – We will need a new landscape chair for next year.
- **Giving Studio** – We will receive a check for \$858 this weekend. Sales were down from last year. Giving Studio has been broadened to all schools this year, so parents with children in multiple schools (e.g. ERS and Steger) had to split their orders.
- **Book Fair** – Book fair is 3/7-3/10. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Amiee McIlroy.
- **Box Tops & Campbells Labels** – The next store will be open 3/4 & 3/5 before school.
- **Playground Committee** – A spring cleanup will be organized when the weather is warmer. A questionnaire to ask teachers and parents what they'd like to add to the outdoor spaces is planned.
- **WG Foundation** – Cyrano's Mardi Gras event raised thousands of dollars; ~125 people attended. The next Fundraiser is their golf tournament.
- **Trivia Night** – Trivia coordinators are currently soliciting donations and launching registration. The January volunteer meeting was well attended, and all jobs are claimed on Signup Genius. Curt Copeland (96.3) will MC. Questions are being fine-tuned and between-round activities are being planned. Advertising will be in back-pack mail, Facebook, email, and flyers during Valentine parties. Dr. Wuch needs text for the Sunday Scoop. An EventBrite site was set up to allow for online registration. It was suggested to let people know that they can sign up without a table. The room can hold 40 tables, and the goal is to sell 30 tables. People are encouraged to bring friends/family from outside ERS. A suggestion as made to charge a reduced price for early registration. Two games will be held: 1) Alcohol raffle with wrapped donated bottles of wine (asking 1 per classroom); 2) Balloon pop where people will pay \$5 to pop a balloon with numbers inside; each number will correspond to a gift card with a minimum \$5 value, donated from the classrooms. Jet's Pizza is donating a pizza for each table. Ashley Cade is coordinating staff baskets and has a few donations so far: Betsy Moppert, 2nd grade teachers, and Dr. Wuch. Dr. Wuch volunteered herself and Mr. Hunsinger to promote the need for donations by staff, possibly through a sign up in the staff lounge.

Treasurer: Current balance is \$15,462.78.

- The main activity this past month was money taken in and paid out for Enrichment.
- \$800 was received from the WG Foundation for improvements to the Johnny on the Spot.
- The library was paid for their 75% of the book fair profits.

Principal & Faculty Report:

- Enrichment classes are in full swing and going well. When classes are offered multiple times, some children have been confused about which session to attend.
- The blog is live, with two posts made. Twitter is also live.
- Dr. Wuch is working to claim ownership of an ERS Facebook page that nobody knows who owns. She should hear back from Facebook by the end of the week.
- ERS has three Facebook pages – Edgar Road School-Webster Groves School District, Edgar Road Elementary School, and Edgar Road PTO. Dr. Wuch doesn't know who owns the ERES page, and she is working with FB to claim ownership. She noted that the ERES page had previously "liked" the PTO page, and it seems that pictures posted to the PTO page were also being posted to the ERES page if the posters had previously "liked" the ERES page.
- Spirit shop is ready to go. There are two new logos but Johnny Macs will only do one at a time, so there will be two sales period. The first will start on the last day of February and run for two weeks running up to spring break. Samples will be showcased in the building. The second sale will be later in the spring and use the second logo.

New Business

- Water flow issues near the back playground were mentioned as the Johnny on the Spot renovation was discussed. Dr. Wuch noted that the first drainage priority is the 5th grade classrooms, which flood during heavy rain.
- A parent asked about whether there is an opportunity to celebrate support staff. Dr. Wuch explained that she recognizes all staff, not just teaching staff, during staff appreciation week. A discussion ensued about Teacher Appreciation Week and whether room parents should expand that to include other staff, e.g. "specials" teachers, aides, etc. It was suggested to do Staff Appreciation Week where one day is classroom teachers, one day is custodial staff, one day is special teachers, etc. This will go on the PTO agenda for March. There was also a request for Dr. Wuch to provide a school-wide staff list to help inform planning.
- Upcoming meetings will discuss next year's fundraisers and board positions.
- The PTO bulletin board is live. People should contact Ashley Cade with anything they'd like posted. Ashley mentioned that Dr. McGee agreed to be duct-taped to the wall as a fundraiser (e.g. 50-cents per strip of duct tape); this could be the culmination of a Spirit Week event.
- A penny drive will be planned for the spring. Ashley Cade suggested a "change at drop off" drive when kids can collect change from the cars.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2016