

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

**President:** Welcome & January minutes approved

**Guest Speaker:**

- Jenna Voss presented on the We Stories program, which focuses on generating conversation among families about race and ethnicity. She discussed opportunities to get involved (see their FB page for more information) as well as the Wee Stories kits, which are available in the ERS library.

**Treasurer Report**

- Current balance is \$15,265.37
- Schnucks Bag revenue: \$94 (\$60 from Dr. Wuch, who bought for 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

**Vice Presidents:** Committee Reports

- Talent Show (Lorianne H.) – Event on 1/26 went well; a new chair is needed for next year.
- Zumbathon (April 20) – The original instructor moved and we're searching for a new one. A discussion was held about whether to make the event for adults or families.
- Trivia & Auction (Mel J., 3/3/18) – Next meeting: 2/22. The priority is securing donations and signing up tables. Mel gave Shelley three messages to rotate on FB, which should be showing now.
- Enrichment (Elena T.) – New chair is needed for next year; Dr. Wuch will meet with the Board to discuss program structure for next year.
- Foundation Liaison (Kristina S.) – There is an upcoming Mardi Gras fundraiser at Cyrano's (**2/11/18, 6-9pm**). Volunteers are needed for upcoming events; please visit the WGSD Foundation website or email [info@wgsdfoundation.org](mailto:info@wgsdfoundation.org)
- Box Tops (Katie R.) – Dec/Jan boxtops were counted, 5<sup>th</sup> graders are trimming them. The missing \$300 check has been located.
- Original Works (Ginger G.) – Ms. Lesch has started the project in all classes. Information will be in the Paw Print and sample items will be on display in the school and on the PTO webpage.
- Room Parent Coordinator (Jessica G.) – Valentine's Day parties are being planned, along with trivia baskets, giftcards, and wine donations.
- Cardinals Calendar (Jackie C.) – Profit is not yet known, but that will be considered when fundraisers are voted on in May.
- Penny Drives (Elaine W.) – Next Penny Drive starts April 2.
- Cardinal Night at the Ballpark (5/17) – Order forms will be sent March 28. Lori H. volunteered to take the event over next year and will shadow Hollie T. to learn how the event works.

**New Business:**

- Need a new chair for Kenrick Meat Sales – If nobody takes it over, the fundraiser will not be done. This event involves pre-ordering (frozen) meat, which will be delivered to school for pickup.
- February 8 - ERS Reads Night. The event will start with a TedTalk by Cbabi Bayoc. There will be door prizes; Mr. Wilmering, Mrs. Lusse, Dr. Wuch, and Dr. Retzlaff will read; origami and family art projects available; Dr. Retzlaff will be honored. Sandwiches, snacks, and cuties will be served. Brenda Wright will watch little sibs in the library and read them books during Cbabi's presentation.

**School Update:** Dr. Wuch

- 54 families attended orientation; 32 families enrolled in the 3 days since registration opened.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers Mr. Eckerich and Ms. Ly were in attendance. Mr. Hunsinger was unable to attend. The teachers reminded parents that the children switch classes, with the exception of reading (which is done with homeroom teacher). Classroom economy happens in which each child is paid \$10/day (pretend) for doing their classroom jobs. They can also be fined (e.g. not doing homework); pay rent for their desk (or can be purchased) and get a tax bill a few times a year. Each class hosts “store” several times a year in which they create and sell (for classroom dollars) things in their interests; this is also a great way for them to get rid of (old) things at home. Homework is 30-60 minutes a week and much of the homework is whatever is not finished in school. Homework is assigned at the beginning of the week and due at the end, so it requires them to budget time.

**Next Meeting:** March 1, 6:30pm