

PTO Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2014
6:30pm, ERS Library

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

Guest Speakers: Dr. Sarah Riss

- The District created a new vision statement, values, and thematic goals
- Annual performance report was 95.7%; WGSD is in the top 10 schools in the area
- 70% of District revenue comes from local property taxes, 8% from the state
- Discussed enrollment projections, facility improvements in the master plan. The District is looking at two proposals: Hixson grade 6-8 center vs. building additions to multiple schools.
- **6-8 Dream Team update:** “Pros” to a Grade 6-8 Hixson are that 6th graders may take classes they don’t take now, as well as a potential stronger middle school identity and PTO. A proposed floor plan was presented. The Board will determine plans for the future in December.

Vice Presidents:

- Still need a Chair for the Family Dance Committee (April)
- Septemberfest was a success
- Trunk-or-Treat will be happening on Oct 24

Treasurer:

- \$2320 received in donations (in lieu of families doing Entertainment Book & Giving Studio)
- Reviewed monies paid out to the school for events, assemblies, etc.

Principal & Faculty Report:

- Music department has all needed instruments
- 1st grade musical is Oct 23
- Oct 21 – Fall coffee with the principal and an asthma/allergy specialist
- Webster Works Worldwide was at ERS last week cleaning, pruning, mulching, etc.
- The first room parent meeting was a success and Fall Celebration plans are underway
- 5th grade service project is looking at winter clothing drive for Riverview Garden District

Old Business:

- 164 Facebook members; Hootsuite is set up with calendar to post to FB
- 1st Box top store was held last week
- Anyone interested in teaching Enrichment classes or volunteering for events, contact Elena T./PTO

New Business:

- Jaguar gear will be sent home 10/10
- Giving Studio (products developed by local artists) will be coming home soon

Miscellaneous: Attendance drawing
Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

Next Meeting: November 6