

PTO Minutes
Thursday, November 6, 2014
6:30pm, ERS Library

President: Meeting brought to order at 6:34pm; October minutes approved

Guest Speakers: Dr. John Simpson (Common Core)

- 3 areas: Math (K-12); English Language Arts (K-12); Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects (6-12)
- Show-Me Standards
- Common Core State Standards (CCSS) – defined set of outcomes for students to demonstrate at all grade levels; inform (but don't dictate) the curriculum
- CCSS rationale – consistency across states so if children move, their educational expectations are not substantially different; support college & career readiness; enable sharing of resources
- Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 – “30 minute” ELA and math assessments (can pause exam and/or take more time)
- Grades 5, 8 – 4 hour exams
- MAP changes – Grades 8-12 end of course exams will be aligned with MO Learning Standards
- HS EOCH exams has decreased from 11 to 4 (English II, Biology 1, Algebra (or Algebra II for students taking Algebra in middle school) and US Government
- State is providing an ACT for all 11th grade students
- WGSD response – opportunity to re-write the curriculum and re-think learning

Vice Presidents:

- Dinner and a movie – Friday, 11/7; will show *The Lego Movie*
- Book fair – set to run week of Nov 10; need a few extra volunteers
- Enrichments – classes occur at ERS after school; need volunteers to teach (contact Elena Trevoult)
- Looking for a volunteer to coordinate the room baskets for Trivia Night; if interested, contact Elena Trevoult/Theresa Kintz

Treasurer:

- \$16,000 cash balance
- Entertainment Book fundraiser took a bit loss this year, due to less books at smaller profit per book

Principal & Faculty Report:

- Dome Theater (11/12) – “igloo” in the gym that children enter and watch a show on the ceiling
- Staff will take Lynne Christmann out for retirement

Old Business:

- 167 Facebook members

New Business:

- Trivia Night & Auction – date changed to April 4
- Gift for Lynne Christmann – Marilyn Bradley ERS print; will present at 12/11 Music Maker concert

Miscellaneous: Attendance drawing
Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Next Meeting: January 8, 2015