

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

President: Meeting called to order at 6:33pm; introductions done and Oct minutes approved

Presentation: Susan Bergman, District Math Coordinator, presented on the math curriculum and strategies for teaching math. She focused on three points: 1) Talk math with your kids to encourage math curiosity; 2) Act like you like math (even if you don't); and 3) Focus more on the process and less on the right answer. She emphasized that it is important to ask children math questions (and not necessarily know the answer) as part of everyday life to encourage math curiosity. e.g. At Schnucks, ask your child(ren) "How many apples do you think are in the bin?" For more information, visit: Bit.ly/PTOmath

Vice Presidents:

Please see committee reports attached to the agenda. Additionally:

- Dinner and a Movie is 11/9; *Coco* will be shown.
- Coffee in October was cancelled due to rain.
- Kenrick's fundraiser concluded; PTO made \$900 and is looking at ways to improve for next year.
- If you'd like to provide a meal for Teacher Conferences, please contact Stephanie or Tracey.
- Original Works order forms are going home soon and due Nov 9.
- Trunk or Treat went well, with good attendance and enough candy.
- Trivia Night is 3/2/19. If anyone has connections to business or would like to donate, please contact the Chair.
- Scholastic Book Fair will be open during conferences; help is needed for set up, sales, and breakdown. It will be open during Dinner & a Movie and run through Nov 15.
- Enrichment is being revisited, with the class catalog to be distributed in late fall. Anyone interested in teaching should contact the Chair.

Treasurer:

- Cash on hand: \$19,404.74. Please send Kathryn any outstanding reimbursement forms.

School Updates & Grade Highlights:

- Third grade teachers reported that students are getting ready to start their biography unit. This culminates with a Famous American Living Biography presentation for other students and parents.
- Forty-seven costumes were donated to the costume bank; a number were used on Halloween.
- Veteran's Day is Nov 9. Mrs. Kissick has taken the lead on coordinating, with other specialists helping. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are helping with the pledge and presentation of the flag.
- Dr. Wuch discussed the increased traffic situations on Edgar Road. Traffic is particularly challenging on rainy days, when Edgar Road gets blocked starting at about 2:45. People are illegally passing in the school zone (both north- and southbound), and there was a hit and run this week. The school is keeping track of data (for illegal passing). There is also a lot of double-parking on side streets. The school is in contact with the WGPS and asking WGPS to be present during dismissal times to manage the streets/traffic. The school is third on the list for a traffic flow study, slated for January. Dr. Wuch encouraged parents to contact WGPS with concerns and to send her ideas of solutions.

Attendance Prizes: Christopher H. and Kathy H.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Next PTO meeting: Jan 10, 6:30pm (bylaws voting)