

**DRAFT: PTO Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2019**  
**6:30pm, ERS Library**

**President:** Meeting called to order at 6:32pm; introductions, followed by a musical production by 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders; March minutes approved

**Attendance:** 13 parents, 4 teachers, 5 Board, Dr. Wuch, Dr. Moppert (full list at the end of minutes)

**Vice Presidents / Committee Reports:**

- **Boxtops** – \$117.30 was submitted last month, with another collection currently underway
- **Scholastic Book Fair** (5/13-17) – Moved to May to avoid conflict with MAP testing; preview day will be on May 13; co-Chair is needed for 2019-2020
- **Staff Appreciation** – Scheduled for the week of May 6
- **Penny Drive** – Underway!
- **Welcoming Committee** – Jessica Griffin volunteered to Chair; this committee is responsible for calling incoming kindergarten families and placing yard signs
- **Committees needing Chairs for 2019-2020** – Without Chairs, the committees won't happen
- **Night at the Ballpark** (May 9) – Ticket orders due April 20
- **Dine out Firenze** (April 17) – Portion of profits go to ERS
- **Grandparent VIP Day** (May 14) – Info to follow the Paw Print
- **Coffee Morning** – Scheduled for March; attendance was low in February, likely due to weather

**Treasurer:**

- Underbudget on expenses and overbudget on income; the income is above what was projected because we made more than anticipated on Original Works and Kenrick's Meats
- Kathryn followed via email with Boxtops regarding missing checks
- Please submit Coffee Morning, Enrichment, and Trivia reimbursements
- Kathryn will touch base with Dr. Wuch re: pond/courtyard and Camp Wyman reimbursements

**School Updates & Grade Highlights:**

- **4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers:** The grade-wide Jefferson City trip is on April 11. Next year is the last year for this trip because the State is changing the curriculum in two years to move MO history to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Other grade highlights include mock elections (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Supreme Court justices, etc.); mock House of Representatives where bills are written and laws proposed/debated; Sarah Unsicker is visiting with the students on April 5.
- **Dr. Wuch:** A number of important dates were announced:
  - April 16-25 – MAP testing
  - May 16 – Volunteer breakfast, 7:30am
  - May 17 – Teacher assignments, supply list, welcome letter
  - May 21 – Moving Up Celebration, 1:15; reception for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and all others visit new classes
  - May 24 – Last day of school (1 extra day due to make-up snow day)

## **New Business:**

- **Fundraiser Survey Findings:** 60 people responded
  - Walk-a-thon was not well received
  - 68% said they are likely to support Trivia Night; 15% said that they would help with Trivia
  - 40% were likely to support Dueling Pianos; 20% said that they would help with Dueling Pianos
  - \*Possible to vote for both Trivia and Pianos
- **Vote on Fundraisers:** (Note: Several attendees left before voting)
  - **Type 1** – Night at the Ballpark, Penny Drive, Original Words, Scholastic Book Fair
    - Profits split 4 ways – Library, Art, Music, and PTO; PE is not included, as Ms. Schrappen and Mr. Jordan talked to Dr. Wuch about waiving their split for 2019-2020
    - **Vote:** 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
  - **Type 2** – Amazon Smile, Boxtops, eScripts, General Donations
    - **Vote:** 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
  - **Type 3** – Dine out (portion of profits from local restaurant given to ERS; e.g. Panera, Firenza), Kenrick, Rollercade (may make money but is more of a community building opportunity)
    - **Dine out:** 15 yes, 1 abstain
    - **Kenrick Meats:** 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
    - **Rollercade:** 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
  - **Type 4** – Large fundraiser, typically Trivia but Dueling Pianos is another option
    - **Trivia:** 12 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain
    - **Pianos:** 3 yes, 12 no/abstain
- **2019-2020 Board Slate:** Presented by Kathryn Drennan, voting is in May 2019
  - **President** – Ashley Cade, Katie Rengel (nominated as co-presidents)
  - **Vice Presidents (2 open positions)** – Katy Proffer, Heather Goff
  - **Treasurer** – Kathryn Drennan
  - **Secretary** – Meghann Parson
- **2019-2020 Budget Review:**
  - Fundraisers – Gross income is projected (in line with past budget proposals), not net income
  - eScripts It was noted that Schnucks now makes you choose between eScripts or Rewards (as both are linked to your phone number); for that reason, the projected income was reduced
  - AmazonSmile – You can put items in your cart via the app, but you have to purchase via the computer/website in order to purchase them and get AmazonSmile credit
  - PTO Donations – \$2,000 projected based on \$2400 donated this year
  - Boxtops – \$600 is the average income over the last two years, projection is \$600
  - Enrichment – no income; profits are rolled over to scholarship, so there is no budgeted profit
  - Trivia Night – estimated income at \$22,000 (this year's profit was a bit less than last year)
  - Kenrick's Meat, Original Words, and Penny Drive – projected based on this year's gross
  - Dine Out – \$500 projected (test run on 4/17)
  - Rollercade – \$350 projected (with the thought that the maximum was \$600)
  - Scholastic – \$2,000 projected
    - There was a discussion about taking cash (25% of sales) vs Scholastic Dollars (55% of profit). Dr. Wuch reports that ERS wants cash over Scholastic Dollars; it takes a lot of time to implement using the Scholastic Dollars (teachers reviewing options, coordinating orders, etc.). The Library wants the cash to do things like bring in authors, buses for field trips, etc..
    - There was an interest in trying the Scholastic Dollars again next year, to go back to the school through a system developed by Dr. Wuch and implemented by Suzy McIntyre and Kathryn

Drennen. The remaining three items – Ballpark, Penny Drive, Original Words will be split between Art, PTO, Music, and Library. **This will be brought back for a vote in May.**

- Bidpal has a standard fee and can be used for any fundraiser. Dr. Wuch said that Chairs need to know that Bidpal can be used for other fundraisers to minimize bringing cash to school.
  - Merchant fees are the fees incurred by Visa/Mastercard for Bidpal charges, etc.
  - Assemblies/awards are rolled into one check given to Dr. Wuch.
  - Back to School Picnic is relabeled as Back to School Celebration (done at Meet the Teacher Day).
  - Teachers Meals are for food during conferences.
  - Staff Appreciation budget is for custodial staff, secretary, counselor, etc.
  - PTO School Project – This year, grants were offered to teachers. There was a discussion about how much to budget - \$10K vs \$12K – and whether to use the money for project grants or a large school projects. Dr. Wuch is doing research into some of the school needs. The decision was made to budget for \$12K.
  - Septemberfest cost was increased due to making two Schnucks runs during the event this year.
  - Remaining budget items were presented as written without discussion.
  - **Next month, the budget will be an up-and-down vote.**
- **Bylaws Vote:** 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
- \*Additional attendees left after fundraiser vote, before by-law vote

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- May – vote on budget; vote and welcome 2019-202 Board

#### **New Business:**

- Walk to School on April 26
- Dine out on April 17
- Dr. Moppert asked for a wheelbarrow that ERS can borrow next Tuesdays for HS sophomores to use for mulching on Sophomore Service Day.
- Wellness Saturday on April 13 – lots of local businesses, giftcards, raffles, resource tables, family activities

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

**Next PTO meeting:** May 2, 6:30pm

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**Members in Attendance:**

Lauren Arnold (E-board)  
Ashley Cade (E-board)  
Kathryn Drennen (E-board)  
Katy Proffer (E-board)  
Katie Rengel (E-board)  
Julie Wuch (Principal)  
Betsy Moppert (Vice Principal)  
Jim Hake (4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)  
Theresa Kindle (4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)  
Brian Keller (4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)  
Nichole Kissick (music teacher)  
Lindsey Brown  
Lynn Daewe  
Jennifer Gates  
Jeff Gillis-Davis – left early  
Heather Goff  
Jessica Griffin  
Chris Hagan  
Karissa Keller  
Rachael Ludwig – left early  
Suzie McIntyre  
Lucy Parker  
Meghann Parson – left after voting  
Becky Piening  
Jordan Rubinovitz – left early  
Annie Tierney