

10/10/19 Eisenhower Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

EMSPTO Officers in Attendance:

PTO President -Linda Mango- lhpmcm@gmail.com
PTO Vice President - Lori Fisch Romano- lorir125@msn.com
PTO Treasurer – Christine O'Connor - coconn@optonline.net
PTO Secretary – Susan Szardenings - susizar@yahoo.com

Principal Mr. Paul Gallagher and Assistant Principal Mrs. Jessica Swaim in attendance

Principal's Report:

- The Back To School Breakfast for teachers and staff provided by the PTO went well
- Feedback and mixed reviews were provided about Lora Photography, the new company that took the Fall student class pictures. Picture retake date is October 21st
- EMS Tech Free Day will be on Friday, October 11, 2019
- David Nash of LEGAL ONE will present 'Roxbury School District HIB 101' - a talk and question and answer session about Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying facts and information on Wed., October 23rd at 7:00pm at EMS
- There will be a "VOTECH Lunch & Learn" session for EMS 8th graders on October 23rd. The Morris County School of Technology is located at 400 East Main Street, Denville, NJ 07834. Information sessions at their location are ongoing and registration for these sessions can be found at www.mcvts.org/apply(Click on full time academy). Application deadline is November 25, 2019.
- On a monthly basis, Mr. Gallagher will email blast out a school community newsletter to parents/guardians that will provide up-to-date, important information to families- these emails may include pdf attachments.

Incoming PTO Report:

- To support the 'Go Green' initiative at EMS, the PTO will put their documentation on a flash drive. Their Certificate of Liability is now in school and digitally stored.
- **Easiest-Ever Fundraiser(Ongoing):** {\$7 membership dues and \$13 donation= \$20} The \$7 membership dues allows students free admission into the 2 Fun Nights (Fall and Winter). Students can sign their family up to the PTO right at the entrance door as they enter the Fun Night. Children of supporters will attend the fun nights free of charge. There will be an admission fee for non-supporters. An accurate, up-to-date dues/donation spreadsheet will be maintained by the PTO treasurer and will be present at each event.

● **THE THREE MAJOR STUDENT EVENTS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR ARE:**

1) The Fall Fun Night on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 7-9pm

2) The Winter Fun Night on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 7-9pm(tentative)

Both of the above fun nights are for 7th and 8th grade students attending EMS~ parent donated snacks/drinks are set up in the lunch room & the gym is divided into two sides: one side for volleyball and the other side for a DJ playing music- on the Wed. or Thur. before the fun night, PTO volunteers will be selling tickets near or in the lunch room- parents can sign up for the PTO by having their children pay the supporter dues then, or else an admission fee will be charged at the door.

***For the Fall 11/15/19 Fun Night:** A Sign Up Genius will go on both the EMS Parent and PTO Facebook pages to ask for volunteer help. The PTO will purchase new volleyballs from Walmart to use on the one half of the Gym. Eighth grade student Tyler Benedetto will be the D.J. for the evening. There will be a variety of games in the cafeteria that the students can play throughout the night.*

3) The 8th Grade Graduation(6-7pm) and the 8th Grade Step Up Dance(7-9pm) on Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Roxbury High School hosts the 8th grade graduation ceremony~ Tue. 6/23 is a half-day for 8th graders~ after the one hour long graduation ceremony, the students walk from the high school over to EMS for the 7-9pm dance~ the dance theme is designed by the 8th grade parents and is kept secret until the dance~ the evening includes music, food, a photo booth, giveaways, etc.~ 7th grade parent volunteers chaperone the evening~ the local Roxbury police attend to keep both a casual and responsible eye on the evening's festivities. 7th grade parent(s) are needed to chair this committee. Eighth grade parents most certainly can help with the planning of it, but they cannot be present at the dance.

- The proposed 2019- 2020 EMSPTO budget was reviewed.
- A Fall 2019 Dazine Line(Roxbury Clothing) fundraiser was proposed and we are seeking a chairperson.
- Box Tops- Jen Rosenbaum will be reached out to to see if she will return as our Box Tops Chairperson
- The Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon Day will be tentatively on Monday, May 4, 2020- details to follow- families are encouraged to send in well wishes and food items to celebrate our educational community at EMS!

- The Ella Wink Scholarship Committee will be forming and looking for volunteers. Annually the EMSPTO asks for a monetary donations from each of the elementary school PTA/PTO groups {Roxbury & Mt. Arlington} to form the scholarship fund. In February 2020 the application forms are distributed and senior high school students then write and submit a single page essay about a teacher who most influenced them from the middle school grade on up. In April the essays are collected and read. In May 2020 the recipients are chosen. In June 2020 the scholarship(s) is handed out to the winners at the Senior Awards Dinner.
- **Our next EMSPTO Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13th @ 6:30pm and we will be meeting in the Lab of Inquiry(LOI).** Directions to the LOI: please enter the unlocked front main doors and make the first left and follow that corridor until the end- the LOI is the last door on the left, a large room with computers and tables in it. Assistant Principal Jessica Swaim will be in attendance at this meeting.

2019-2020 EMSPTO Meeting Schedule

(Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the EMS Lab of Inquiry{LOI} unless otherwise noted)

Wed. November 13th

Wed. January 15th

Wed. February 12th

****Thur. March 19th**

Wed. April 22nd

Wed. May 13th

Wed. June 10th