

01/10/2019 Eisenhower Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

EMSPTO Officers In Attendance:

PTO President - Michelle Danielson – mhdaniels@att.net

PTO Vice President - Gabriella Pereira - gabikpereira@gmail.com

PTO Treasurer – Christine O'Connor - coconn@optonline.net

PTO Secretary – Susan Szardenings - susizar@yahoo.com

Principal's Report:

- The Follett Book Fair run by Mrs. Palanchi and assisted by EMS parent volunteers went very well. The EMS library gained \$800.00 in books with the fair profit.
- One of the Spirit Days included a dodge ball game and the students won!
- Thirteen EMS boys and girls will be playing in the Wizards Basketball Game tomorrow, Jan. 11th. School district members on hand to play include Mr. Gallagher and Dr. Seipp.
- The EMS Auditorium updates are completed now. Both house and stage lights have been replaced and a new sound system was installed.
- The EMS Boy's Basketball Team raised \$100.00 for Roxbury Social Services- Great job!
- Teacher Appreciation Week starts on May 7th, which is the same as the first day of PARCC. A suggestion was made to start Teacher Appreciation Week on May 14th instead.
- Tech Free Day across the district is on January 16th. Creative activities will be running during both Core Extension and Homeroom Extension.
- February Fun Night at EMS will take place on Friday, February 8th from 7-9pm. The snow date will be on Friday, February 22nd. Tickets will be available for sale by home room reps. the week leading up to the fun night during lunch periods. The evening includes a D.J. playing music in the gym, dancing, games and refreshments in the cafeteria and basketball on the second half of the gym.
- A Student Survey in Google Classroom was sent out to the students to poll what their thoughts and suggestions were for the EMS Fun Nights. The poll opens on 1/11/19 and closes on 1/28/19.

- The Green Team Recycling Initiative around the school went very well and the students were very enthusiastic and involved in it.

President's Report:

- **Easiest-Ever Fundraiser: Ongoing:** {\$7 membership dues and \$13 donation= \$20} The \$7 membership dues allows students free admission into both Fun Nights (Fall and February). Students can sign their family up to the PTO by paying the \$7 entrance fee right at the entrance table as they enter the upcoming February Fun Night, or during the week prior to the fun night by purchasing a ticket from student room reps during lunch periods at school. Children of current PTO members will attend the Feb. fun night free of charge. An accurate, up-to-date dues/donation spreadsheet is maintained by the PTO treasurer and will be present at the February Fun Night event. *{Please consider volunteering 2 hours of your time during the course of this school year to your child(ren) by helping out with PTO activities- there are opportunities during the day, at-home, and evening. Please share your talents, help out a committee, have fun with a group of your own friends by volunteering together, and enjoy knowing that you made a good difference in your child's school life.}*
- **Committees and Activities for the Remainder of the School Year:**
 - **National Police Unity Tour in May 2019**(exact date to be determined)- the EMSPTO supports this. This is the event's 4th year with middle schoolers and faculty/staff riding their bikes to and around Horseshoe Lake and cheering on classmates~ this event helps raise funds for Roxbury Police and honors Police Officers that have fallen in the line of duty. The contact person for this event is Heather Roddy(hroddy@roxbury.org)
 - **Box Tops**- Jennifer Rosenbaum- collection boxes are in Main Office and Cafeteria
 - **Spiritwear**- Nancy Loizou- DeZine Line- \$230 was raised from the Fall fundraiser & a Spring Sale is being considered
 - **Shoparoo App**- ongoing- Gabriella Pereira(gabikpereira@gmail.com)
 - **Ella Wink Scholarship**- Christine O'Connor- Annually the EMSPTO asks for a monetary donation of approximately \$400- \$450 from each of the elementary school PTA/PTO groups {Roxbury & Mt. Arlington} to form the scholarship fund. In February 2019 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 the recipients are chosen. In June the scholarships are handed out to the winners at the Senior Awards Dinner.
 - **February Fun Night on 2/8/19**- needs volunteers/food donations- sign-ups are coming soon
 - **The 8th Grade Graduation(6-7pm) and the 8th Grade Step Up Dance(7-9pm) on Monday, June 24, 2019**- Christine O'Connor, Nancy Loizou and Susan Szardenings

are heading the committee group for the dance. {Roxbury High School hosts the 8th grade graduation ceremony~ Mon. 6/24 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 7th 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. This special evening is the last chance for the EMSPTO to give something to the students. It is a gift to the children who are graduating.}

- **Old Items Collection Truck will be on site at EMS in April or May 2019**- 100% of the monies generated will be donated to Roxbury Social Services. Details to follow-

- **Our next EMSPTO Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5th @ 7:30pm-9:00pm 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. Meetings alternate monthly on Tue. and Thur. to encourage people to attend when they are available~

Principal Gallagher and Assistant Principal Elizabeth Omega alternate meeting months. Assistant EMS Principal Ms. Elizabeth Omega will be at our Feb. meeting

2019 EMSPTO Meeting Schedule

(7:30-9:00pm in the EMS Lab of Inquiry{LOI} unless otherwise noted)

TUESDAY February 5th

Thursday March 7th

TUESDAY April 9th

Thursday May 9th

TUESDAY June 4th