

2018- 2019 Eisenhower Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

2018-2019 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

- Also present this evening: Assistant EMS Principal Ms. Elizabeth Omegna (eomegna@roxbury.org), Roxbury School District Security Director Mr. James Simonetti (jsimonetti@roxbury.org) and member Debby McMullin (mcmullindebby@gmail.com)
- Mr. Simonetti started our meeting with a video presentation about school safety in our district schools. Some important points of the presentation included: 1) up-to-date safety training exercises are regularly done at each of the district schools 2) for both teachers/staff and students, reading the warning signs in children or adults can prevent violence { “see something, say something” } 3) there is now armed security in all district schools 4) recent district additions include: CRG(Collaborative Response Graphics) mapping of all school buildings, additional cameras, security vestibules(Lobby Guard) and a visitor management system in each school.

Mr. Simonetti stressed that in order to improve school security, the greatest defense we all have against school violence is developing a bond with our child(ren), striving to improve our communication with them, looking and listening for the warning signs (depression, anger, indifference, withdrawal) that something may be bothering them, and getting them all the help they need to recover and thrive. He encouraged us to talk to our children about the various safety drills they participate in (lockdown, shelter in place, and barricade) and for us to reiterate the importance of having them focus on the teachers' instructions during such drills.

Thank you Mr. Simonetti for your insightful presentation- please read more about Roxbury School District Security at : <https://www.roxbury.org/domain/753>

- **Easiest-Ever Fundraiser: *This campaign is 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. **Please join today!** The double- sided PTO membership form can be found under the Parents/PTO tab of the EMS section of roxbury.org.

- **The Fall Fun Night and Dance is coming up on Friday, November 16th from 7- 9pm**

*This event is 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 games and the other side for DJ Chris D'Amico playing music, with a possible Dance Off too! - on the Wed. or Thur. before the fun night, tickets for this event will be sold near or in the lunch room- **parents can sign up for the PTO by having their children pay the supporter dues before or the night of the event, or else an admission fee will be charged at the door. Contacts for this event include Gabriella Pereira, Kathy Ribe, and Cheryl Blakut. A Sign- Up Genius will be created and linked within the FB pages for snack & drink donations.***

- ***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 many neat opportunities during the day, at-home, and evening. Please share your talents, 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.***

- **Important Upcoming Calendar Dates:**

- Fall Canned food Drive- going on now into November
- Fall Fun Night & Dance- November 16
- Winter Toys for Tots Collection- organized by students; more info. @ next meeting
- Winter Fun Night & Dance- February 8
- Teacher Appreciation Day- May 7
- Police Unity Tour- May 2019

- **Committee and Chairperson Review:**

- Box Tops- Jennifer Rosenbaum- collection boxes are in Main Office and Cafeteria
- Spiritwear- Nancy Loizou- DeZine Line will be providing online ordered items
- Shoparoo app- Gabriella Pereira
- Ella Wink Scholarship- Christine O'Connor- info in Sept. minutes
- Fall and Winter Fun Night & Dances need volunteers- sign-ups going up soon
- Eighth Grade Step-Up Dance- needs 7th grade volunteers- info in Sept. minutes

- **Coffee with the Principal:** Please join Mr. Gallagher on Thursday, November 1st for coffee, refreshments and light conversation. We will meet in the EMS Lab of Inquiry (LOI) at 7:00pm, with a PTO meeting to follow at 7:30pm. Please RSVP on EMS's 'welcome' tab, under the "Announcements & Upcoming Events" section, or just show up. All are welcome.

- **Our next EMSPTO Meeting will be on Thursday, November 1st, 2018 @ 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 Omegna will be alternating meeting months.

Principal Gallagher will be at our Nov. meeting after Coffee With the Principal at 7:00pm.

2018-2019 EMSPTO Meeting Schedule

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

*This schedule can also be found under the Parents PTO section of EMS @ roxbury.org

Thursday November 1st

TUESDAY December 4th

Thursday January 10th

TUESDAY February 5th

Thursday March 7th

TUESDAY April 9th

Thursday May 9th

TUESDAY June 4th

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

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