

## **EMS PTO Meeting 10/19/16**

### Principal's Report

\*EMS has a new resource online for kids and parents called "Suite 360". We are a pilot for this program to see how well it is received and how helpful it can be to our EMS community. This is for building skills for students/parents to deal with uncomfortable topics such as time management, media, cultural diversity, bullying, gender identity, etc. There are 10 chosen topics for middle school age. There is another library of topics but we will start on these 1<sup>st</sup> 10. This is a great resource for parents and kids to help with crisis situations. Kids can do Suite 360 anytime (core extention, Homeroom extention, or at home). You are urged to check it out! Go to the Roxbury.org homepage; Departments; Guidance; Suite 360 to sign up and log in. This tool can help so that you don't have to have those conversations that are uncomfortable...a great way for the kids to self-advocate.

More information will be sent.

\*Canned food drive- To benefit Roxbury Social Services, a non-perishable food drive will continue until next Friday, October 28. There is a contest between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As of now, 7<sup>th</sup> grade has a strong lead! The winning grade will have a Halloween Social and the "losing" grade will get an ice cream treat. It's a win-win, especially for the food pantry!

\*Candy for Troops- Unwanted Halloween candy will be collected after Oct. 31 and shipped overseas to soldiers serving. A reminder about this will be sent out.

\*ALICE- Alert, Lockdown, Information, Counter, Evacuate. This is a proactive lockdown procedure. Our students are going to attend an assembly on November 7 that will inform them of

how to be proactive in the event of an intruder in the building. Over time, they will learn techniques that will be helpful in this unfortunate situation. There will be a lockdown drill the same day. Roxbury Police Chief Simonetti will help with the “counter” piece of the procedure. This plan is to debrief the students to help be a part of the pieces. They will slowly be trained with this proactive, not passive plan.

### Treasurer’s Report

\*Michelle Danielson submitted her treasurer’s report:

Opening balance on Sept. 1 = \$4787.21

Closing balance on Oct. 18 = \$7203.21

### Committee Reports

\*Membership- There has been a pretty good turnout of membership and a great response to our “easiest fundraiser” where parents joined the PTO and rounded up. Thank you to all who have joined. For those who have not, it’s not too late. All updated forms can be found on the PTO page on the EMS website. You can also send in your membership without a form but be sure to include your name, student, grade. Students of PTO member parents have free access to the Fall Fun Night and Winter “dance”. Our goal is to not have any other fundraising throughout the year if membership is successful.

\*Box Tops- Please send in any box tops asap as our first submission this year will be going out before Nov. 1. Of course, we will collect all year but if you have any lying around now, have your child bring them to the main office or their homeroom. It’s such an easy way to raise money for our school!

\*Shoparoo- If you have a smart phone, go to the app store to get the free app “Shoparoo Fundraising” and sign up to snap

pictures of all of your shopping receipts. Food receipts earn cash and others earn sweepstakes entries. This is another great way to raise money for EMS students without spending a dime.

\*Fall Fun Night- Our first fun night is Friday, November 4 from 7-9pm! Volunteers are needed to make this night a success. The students always have a great time...there is a DJ and dancing as well as basketball in the gym; Cup stacking and a Wii is set up in the cafeteria as well as snacks and drinks. Dress is casual and comfortable. Donations of bottled water and bagged snacks, cookies, etc. are welcome! Tickets will be sold or given during lunch periods on Thursday and Friday (Nov. 3 & 4). If you are a PTO member, your child is free, non members are \$5. If your child doesn't know if they want to go until the last minute, that's ok! We will never turn away a student on the night of the event. The "selling" of tickets just helps us plan for how much snacks and drinks we need. Kids will need to be signed out when you pick them up from the dance. If you would like to help, reach out to Eileen Defuria [eileen.defuria@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.defuria@gmail.com)

\*Spirit Wear- Nancy Loizou is chairperson for Spirit Wear...thank you Nancy! You will be seeing information come home very soon about what we have to offer this year.

Our next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30pm.

We do plan to host Superintendent Loretta Raudulic at our January PTO meeting (January 10).