

President's Report

Audra reported some information from the previous night's BOE meeting.

The textbook issue was discussed at the BOE meeting as well as the lack of a delayed opening on Monday when we had snow.

The lack of Teacher Contracts was the main issue discussed. The salary guide is the biggest sticking point.

REA has established that no extra activities will be attended by teachers (clubs, etc.). Those activities that are stipened will continue. Parents are encouraged to keep your eyes out for cancelled clubs.

The BOE has a statement on their website

Fact Finder has to give a date for the next BOE meeting.

A new Assistant Superintendent was named. Mr. Charles Seip is most recently from the Mendham school district.

The Roxbury Business Administrator resigned. For now, we have a consultant and a new one will be hired for next year.

Otherwise, EMS is good!

Enjoy your long President's weekend...

Early dismissal on Friday, Feb. 12 and no school on Mon/Tues, Feb. 15/16. Since we haven't used any snow days, we get a nice long mid-winter weekend!

Treasurer's Report

Liz Fleming was in attendance and presented the Treasurer's monthly report. At this time, there are a few deposits that need to be made and the most recent debit was for the DJ at the dance last Friday.

The PTO will be donating the \$3102.40 that was received from Box Tops for Education to Mr. Moskowitz's STEM lab as well as the music department. (Thanks again Dan Masi!)

Principal's Report

Mr. Miller reported that the Winter Wonderland Dance was great! A recommendation for next time would be to just let them buy/get tickets at the door. The PTO has been following previous year's protocol but will certainly take this to heart and change our policy next time.

ALICE Training will be taking place soon. Mr. Miller and one of the science teachers will be taking this training. It is a new way to react in the unfortunate event of an intruder in the building. Teachers/administrators from all schools will be trained. Unfortunately this is a sign of the times we live in...better safe than sorry.

A new Newsletter called S'MORE is being worked on. This will have articles, websites, videos, etc. and any pertinent information to be shared. There is already a bi-monthly newsletter for staff (Miller's Minutes), and he will try S'MORE with this month's publication to see how it goes. His regular newsletter will hopefully go out by the end of this month and another one at the end of the year. Eventually, teachers, kids and parents will be surveyed.

He will have to present a school schedule to the Board again.

The 8th grade is doing their schedules for High School on February 25.

Committee Reports

Winter Wonderland Semi-Formal

It was a great success! Lots of kids did "dress-up" and many did not...they all looked great and had a fabulous time! The PTO would like to thank all of the parents that

helped out as we would never have been able to do it without your time and donations of snacks/water. There were some inquiries about a Spring Dance...this will be an open item for next month's meeting.

8th Grade Step-Up dance

A big THANK YOU to Michele Danielson who has offered to chair this very important dance for the outgoing 8th graders! A list of volunteers has been started so if any other 7th grade parents would like to help out with this event, please contact one of the PTO board members. For those who have already gotten their names on the list, an email will be going out soon with a meeting date to discuss the particulars. There are approximately 284 – 8th graders so this event will take some coordination.

Ella Wink Scholarship

Kendall Warsaw is Chair. She is changing the application and guidance takes it from there.

Other Items

Project Graduation.

Staff Appreciation. Will be held in May. Still an open item that will be discussed further.

Future meeting dates:

March 15

April 12

all meetings start at 7:30pm

May 10

June 7

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