**September 22, 2021 Eisenhower Middle School**

**PTO Meeting Minutes**

 **In Attendance:**

PTO President – Caryn Block

PTO Vice President – Heather O’Brian

PTO Treasurer – Dawn Schepisi

PTO Secretary - Nicole Watson

Principal – Mr. Paul Gallagher

Assistant Principal – Mrs. Jessica Swaim

**Principal’s Report:**

* Very happy kids are back in the building and clubs have started back up again. Cross Country and Field Hockey have started. Drama Club will also begin soon. Peer Leader Retreat is also planned and in person. These clubs serve a great need to the students. It is a part of what keeps them excited about coming to school.
* The students are also glad to have their lockers back.
* Back to school night is September 30th. There will be a prerecorded video of the principal’s message to watch at home. We are asking that only one parent attend back to school night. They will follow their child’s schedule and spend approximately 12 minutes in each class.
* Pictures were taken yesterday and today. There will be a make-up day possibly November 9th. Every effort will be taken to make sure each student has their picture taken.
* Daily planners are in use by the 7th and 8th graders. The teachers are grateful to have the planners.
* There will be NJ Assessment testing October 4th & 5th.
* All communications are sent to the students first and then to the parents.

**Pto:**

* A $50 Walmart gift card was purchased for the school nurse.
* Request for Ella Wink Scholarship donations have gone out to the other schools.
* The insurance has been updated and the certificate is on the way.
* A flyer for the easiest fundraiser will be emailed. The best form of payment is Venmo. It will detail what the funds are used for.
* Planning a staff appreciation breakfast for October 18th. Consisting of muffins, bagels, fruit and coffee/tea.
* The account standing is currently $2137.53.

**Upcoming Events (TENTATIVE DATES)**

* Spirit Wear Sale, November
* Harvest Dance November 19th
* Spring Dance, April
* Step Up Lawn Sign Sale, May
* 8th Grade trip to Jeff Lake, June
* 7th Grade Olympics, June
* Dorney Park Trip for BOC
* 8th Grade Step Up and Dance, June 16th?

**Open Floor Questions:**

* What kind of programs can be added to EMS regarding drugs/alcohol?

Currently we have advisory time with their teachers. This occurs about once a month and real-life issues are discussed. Teachers are our best line of defense and are trained in discussing these matters. Since school wide assemblies are not happening yet I will discuss with Mrs. Esposito about working on activities broken down into smaller groups.

* The wording of Monday’s message to the parents left many worried and confused. Is it possible to receive better information?

It was a district wide event that happened on Monday. The schools need to work with police and abide by what they say can be sent out.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

October 13th March 16th

November 17th April 20th

January 12th May 18th

February 16th  June 8th