

# 06/09/19 Eisenhower Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

## **EMSPTO Officers in Attendance:**

PTO President - Michelle Danielson – [mhdaniels@att.net](mailto:mhdaniels@att.net)

PTO Vice President - Gabriella Pereira - [gabikpereira@gmail.com](mailto:gabikpereira@gmail.com)

PTO Treasurer – Christine O'Connor - [coconn@optonline.net](mailto:coconn@optonline.net)

## **EMS Staff in Attendance:**

Principal – Mr. Gallagher

Vice-Principal – Ms. Omega

## **Principal's Report:**

- Teacher of the Year from Eisenhower Middle School is Mrs. Shannon Rodas, ELA teacher. She along with other teachers from the other schools in the district were recognized at the Board of Education meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.
- TechFree day was today, June 4<sup>th</sup>. It was organized by Mr. Capra in conjunction with Olympics Day, held outside with all students participating.
- The Morris County Middle School Leadership award went to 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Ava Thomas.
- The EMS Student Unity Tour on Wed. May 30<sup>th</sup>- was a sunny success, despite the soggy bike drop-off the evening before. Over \$5,000 was raised to help the Roxbury Police Department officers attend the nationwide event.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have been measured for their StepUp gowns. Each student will be assigned either a blue, white or gold gown to be used during the StepUp ceremony and returned immediately after.
- Picatinny Arsenal Junior Solar Sprints On May 16<sup>th</sup> the Eisenhower Middle School STEAM Club competed at the Picatinny Arsenal Junior Solar Sprint Invitational. Our students performed exceptionally well, placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> on the day. In total EMS sent 15 teams to the event and 9 of the 15 teams won preliminary round races. The winning team will now travel to Washington, D.C. where they will represent Picatinny Arsenal and compete in the Junior Solar Sprint National Finals against teams from around the country. Congratulations to all 31 EMS students involved, and big Congratulations to Delaney Scalera and Alexa Scalfani (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Rithik Mehta and Yashil Trivedi (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and your 2019 Champions Brody Schaub and Dominick Bartlett (1<sup>st</sup> place).
- The annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Dorney Park was a great success. EMS choir took first place in the annual competition. Mr. Gallagher went over the long list of awards earned by the students.

- The Jefferson Lake Trip for the 8th Graders will be on Tuesday, June 18th (rain date of Wed. June 19th).

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Balance: \$7,349.18

### **President's Report:**

- The Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon, held on Tuesday, May 14th was well-received by teachers and staff. A few of the families that brought in food left thank you messages for the teachers.
- Important Upcomign Dates:
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Orientation
  - June 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> (rain date) Jefferson Lake trip for 8<sup>th</sup> graders
  - June 24<sup>th</sup> – StepUp Ceremony at 6:00pm at RHS Auditorium followed by the StepUp Dance from 7:00- 9:00pm in the EMS Gymnasium

### **New Business:**

- Michelle Danielson will be presenting the Ella Wink Dillon Scholarship award (\$500 this year) to a deserving RHS senior at the student awards ceremony on June 12<sup>th</sup>..
- Swearing in of PTO Board Members for 2019/2020, by outgoing President Michelle Danielson
  - Lori Romano – President
  - Linda Mango – Vice President
  - Christine O'Connor – Treasurer
  - Sue Szardenings – Secretary