

# **2018- 2019 Eisenhower Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes**

## **2018-2019 EMSPTO Officers**

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- EMS Principal Mr. Paul Gallagher thanked the PTO for the Back to School Breakfast provided to the teachers and staff this morning- everyone enjoyed it!
- One of the reasons for this evenings meeting- Mr. Gallagher and the board met to establish both the PTO meeting dates and the student activities dates for the school year already underway.
- **EMS Back to School Night will be on Wed., Sept. 26th from 7- 9pm.** The PTO will make a 5 minute presentation and will have Easiest-Ever Fundraiser forms available during the evening. Forms will available to teachers because they sign up for the PTO as well.
- **Easiest-Ever Fundraiser:** {\$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. Green colored EEF flyers went home with students the week of 9/17.
- **THE THREE MAJOR STUDENT EVENTS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR ARE:**

**1) The Fall Fun Night on Friday, November 16, 2018 from 7-9pm**

**2) The Winter Fun Night on Friday, February 8, 2018 from 7-9pm**

*Both of the above fun nights are 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 basketball and the other side for a DJ playing music- on the Wed. or Thur. before the fun night, PTO volunteers will be selling tickets near or in the lunch room- parents can sign up for the PTO by having their children pay the supporter dues then, or else an admission fee will be charged at the door.*

### 3) The 8th Grade Graduation(6-7pm) and the 8th Grade Step Up Dance(7-9pm) on Monday, June 24, 2019

*Roxbury High School hosts the 8th grade graduation ceremony~ Mon. 6/24 is a half-day for 8th graders~ after the one hour long graduation ceremony, the students walk from the high school over to EMS for the 7-9pm dance~ the dance theme is designed by the 8th grade parents and is kept secret until the dance~ the evening includes music, food, a photo booth, giveaways, etc.~ 7th grade parent volunteers chaperone the evening~ the local Roxbury police attend to keep both a casual and responsible eye on the evening's festivities*

- At this point in the meeting it was mentioned that at EMS, there are no classroom holiday/seasonal parties and no teacher gifts-
- The EMS Student Council and student individuals develop and run events during the school year, for causes that they select to raise awareness about, including food and toy drives
- The Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon Day will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2019- a PTO food sign up will go up ahead of time
- May 2019 is also the month of the National Police Unity Tour and the EMSPTO does support it as a group- 2019 will mark the event's 4th year and middle schoolers and staff will ride their bikes to and around Horseshoe Lake and cheer on classmates~ this event helps raise funds for Roxbury Police and honors Police Officers that have fallen in the line of duty. The contact person for this event is Heather Roddy(hroddy@roxbury.org)
- The Ella Wink Scholarship Committee will be forming and looking for volunteers in October 2018. Annually the EMSPTO asks for a monetary donation of approximately \$400- \$450 from each of the elementary school PTA/PTO groups {Roxbury & Mt. Arlington} to form the scholarship fund. In February 2019 the application forms are distributed and senior high school students then write and submit a single page essay about a teacher who most influenced them from the middle school grade on up. In April the essays are collected and read. In May the recipients are chosen. In June the scholarships are handed out to the winners at the Senior Awards Dinner.
- EMS has joined the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program and has installed covered recycling bins throughout the school, as well as drinking water bottle fillers. The students are having positive participation in this! Click on the button (shown at the right>>>) located on the bottom of the 'Roxbury Public Schools' home page of [roxbury.org](http://roxbury.org) for more interesting information about the school district's green initiatives.



- On a monthly basis, Mr. Gallagher will email blast out a school community newsletter to parents/guardians that will provide important information to families- these emails may include pdf attachments.
- **Our next EMSPTO Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9, 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 Omega will be alternating meeting months.

## **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

**TUESDAY** October 9th

**Thursday** November 1st

**TUESDAY** December 4th

**Thursday** January 10th

**TUESDAY** February 5th

**Thursday** March 7th

**TUESDAY** April 9th

**Thursday** May 9th

**TUESDAY** June 4th

# NOTES