

04/16/19 Eisenhower Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

EMSPTO Officers in Attendance:

PTO President - Michelle Danielson – mhdaniels@att.net

PTO Vice President - Gabriella Pereira - gabikpereira@gmail.com

PTO Treasurer – Christine O'Connor - coconn@optonline.net

PTO Secretary – Susan Szardenings - susizar@yahoo.com

{Due to scheduling conflicts, the March 2019 meeting was cancelled}

Principal's Report:

- The EMS Drama Club's play 'Mary Poppins Jr'. went well!
- The Monthly Student Recognition Program is going well with this month's celebration including EMS draw string bags and pizza
- A Google Summit was held at RHS which included 75 educators meeting in their media center and familiarizing themselves with using various Google apps in the classroom
- The 7th Grade Trip into NYC to the Museum of Natural History went well
- The 8th Grade Trip to see Romeo & Juliet is coming up
- The EMS Student Unity Tour is coming up on Wed. May 30th- there will be a special meet & greet with the riders from the Roxbury Police Department on the evening of May 29th- please go to the EMS home page of roxbury.org to download the permission slip, learn more about the event, and find out how you can get involved to support the cause.
- The 7th Grade Orientation Parent Program will be held at EMS on Thursday, June 6th from 7:00- 8:00pm for the parents and families of incoming 7th graders. The Lincoln Roosevelt 6th Grade class will have visited EMS already during the 6/6/19 school day. Please go to EMS home page for more information and to view the letter from Mr. Gallagher and Mrs. Omegna
- The 8th Grade Step-Up to RHS will be on Monday, June 24th- The ceremony will be at 6:00pm at RHS Auditorium followed by the Celebration from 7:00- 9:00pm in the EMS Gymnasium.
- EMS is participating in the New Jersey Schools To Watch Program. Educators, parents and students will provide honest feedback to 4 areas of an everyday school experience which includes Organizational Structure, Academic Excellence, Cultural

Responsiveness, and Developmental Responsiveness. The four day program will provide transformative insight to help teachers and staff guide students to become responsible young adults.

Treasurer's Report:

• Starting balance:	\$8,136.41
Checks #1085, #1086, #1087 total:	\$ 950.98
Ending balance:	\$7,185.43

President's Report:

- The Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 14th from 10:00am -1:00pm . There will be a Sign Up Genius on the 2 facebook pages for bagels, cream cheese, brunch food and drinks. Parents/ guardians are encouraged to either make or purchase items. The PTO encourages families to send in well wishes and food and will provide paper products and food as well. Let's celebrate our teachers!
- Box Tops- Jen Rosenbaum- to date this school year \$98.20 has been raised
- Shop-A-Roo- 10 parents are enrolled with a total of \$50.00 raised for EMS so far- maybe a gift card incentive can be offered to the top 3 money raisers
- The Ella Wink Scholarship- Christine O'Connor- Annually the EMSPTO reaches out for a monetary donation 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 now are currently being read by the board. In May the recipients are chosen. In June the scholarships are handed out to the winners at the Senior Awards Dinner.
- The 8th Grade Graduation(6-7pm) and the 8th Grade Step Up Dance(7-9pm) on Monday, June 24, 2019- Christine O'Connor, Nancy Loizou and Susan Szardenings are heading the committee group for the dance. {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 7th 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. This special evening is the last chance for the EMSPTO to give something to the students. It is a gift to the children who are graduating to high school}

- ***The Roxbury High School Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 26th at 12 noon.*

- Administrative Assistants Day will be recognized by the EMSPTO earlier in April on 4/17/19, since it officially occurs during the school's Spring Break. Vice President Gabriella Pereira will bake 3 bundt cakes and will give each of the Main Office secretaries, Maria Albanese, Karen Alecci and Christine Roman, a thank you card, a cake and a \$15.00 Dunkin' Donuts gift Card. Thank you very much to you all!

- EMSPTO Board vacancies, including President and Vice President positions, will be available for the 2019-2020 Upcoming school year. A suggestion was made to invite the incoming 7th grade student's parents to our Thursday, May 9th PTO meeting.

- **Our next EMSPTO Meeting will be on Thursday, May 9th @ 7:30-9:00pm and we will be meeting in the Lab of Inquiry(LOI).**
Directions to the LOI: Please enter the unlocked front main school 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~

- Our last EMSPTO Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th from 7:30- 9:00pm in the LOI