

Eisenhower Middle School PTO Meeting – September 15, 2015

President's Report

- * The board inquired how parents found out about this meeting. Facebook, hand outs, the EMS website and word of mouth were all a part of spreading the word.
- * A number of 7th grade parents attended which was nice to see! There were 11 parents in attendance in all.
- * Audra was asked the difference between a PTA and PTO... PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is a National Organization that requires a large portion of yearly dues per person. This leaves much less for the school to use for the students. PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) is an organization where all \$ collected goes directly to student activities.

Treasurer's Report

- * Liz Fleming read the treasurer's report. There is \$4500 in the account. \$450 was paid for the following bills:
 - Insurance
 - Back to School Breakfast
 - NJ filing fee
- * Liz will prepare a letter stating that the PTA disbanded.
- * A monthly Treasurer's report will be done.

Principal's Report

- * Ms. Omega was in attendance. She gave a brief overview of what the first few weeks of school have been like for the kids. There was a bit of A/B day confusion, but the kids are managing just fine!
- * There was a glitch with the band list. It wasn't right but was easily fixed.

- * There are 280-8th graders picking electives. 165 got their first choice.
- * There are 313 – 7th graders and 268 – 8th graders enrolled at EMS.
- * Chromebooks:
 - Chromebook repair tech is here to look at Chromebooks at 10:30. Some loaners are available.
 - Insurance is \$28 for the year (September – September) but doesn't cover cracked screen.

Committee Reports

- * Back to School Breakfast - Aramark did a great job! Lunch is very good...kids are much happier. The selection is better.
- * Membership Drive – Big envelope came in. Gave to Liz. The form (or lack of) can be confusing but we think it will be ok. Many parents paid dues plus extra money as donation. Memberships are still coming in.
- * Box Tops - are still being collected. We can mention at Back to School night. Last year over 1500 were collected. With better communication, we can do much better this year. There was an issue with a student being told that we aren't collecting box tops. Michelle called Kristen and she said she would send an email to staff. Maybe it was a new teacher? The turnout for box tops has been excellent already. They will be submitted before Oct. 1.
- * Student Fun Nights – Eileen Defuria and Alana are working on the fun nights. Oct. 23 Fall Fun Night and January 29 Winter Wonderland Dance. Maybe this can be mentioned at BTS night?
- * Misc. – Traci Vassoler would like to organize an Open Skate next Wednesday (Sept. 23) when the kids are off school. How should we get the word out? Flyer or Facebook? Day or night?

Maybe during Teacher Convention would be a better time since this date is soon.

* Cultural Arts – The Spanish Dept. would like to bring a program here from the Community Theater in Morristown. Mr. Miller is looking into it.

Board of Education

*BOE meeting was on Monday (Sept. 14). There were many teachers there. There will be a fact finding meeting on Oct. 6. We at EMS will have our BTSN. For 2 ½ years there has been no contract. What are the sticking points? What does the BOE want?

Volunteers

* Volunteer sheets are out. There are 2 new family nights (Fun Nights) and the Step Up Dance.

Mural

* EMS Eagle was painted by Mrs. Mustaccio's daughter. It looks beautiful.

Spiritwear

* Kellie Ann Keyes is coordinator. 2020 and 2021 sweatshirts are available through Dezine Line.