

President's Report

Audra had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's monthly report was submitted. The PTO will donate money that was received from BTFE to the STEM/STEAM and music programs. There will also be monies donated for:

Melillo Family

Teacher Appreciation (probably being held on 5/6)

Ella Wink Scholarship

8th grade Step Up dance

Project Graduation

Principal's Report

Newsletter came out online. There is a video on PARCC testing...watch it! The newsletter is very user friendly with a few videos on various topics. The goal will be to do 3-4 videos per year (approximately). So far the feedback on the videos and electives for next year are positive.

The STEAM lab received some donated equipment...this is really great news. The STEAM lab is planning to design a new courtyard. Materials and labor will be donated by local merchants (businesses do community service). This can be a collaboration with teachers, students, etc. This is welcome news because the courtyard has been in a state of overgrowth for some time now.

EMS is preparing for PARCC. There are some frustrations of course. Ms. Omega is preparing for "training" for testing.

*Infrastructure trial on Thursday, March 17.

*Are the Chrome books working?

*Are the students using tools correctly?, etc.

*Another round of training for staff will be the week of March 21-23.

*Provide “breakout” sessions for those who feel they need more training.

ALICE training will be done by the Roxbury Police Department over Spring Break. There will be a 2-day workshop that will be taken by Mr. Miller and Mr. Babetsky. The staff will be trained as well at a later date. This is a training that is meant to prepare the staff in the unfortunate event of an intruder in the building. ALICE is an acronym for Alert-Locate-Inform-Counter-Evacuate. Of course we all hope to never have to use this.

Committee Reports

***Shoparoo/Box Tops**

Please continue to snap your receipts and clip your box tops...these are very easy fundraisers that don't cost you anything.

Download the free Shoparoo fundraising app from the app store on your smart phone and choose Eisenhower as your school.

Box Tops are collected in the main office and are sent in periodically for cash for our school.

*Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 6 (tentatively). We do have 2 chairs but can use some volunteers for this event to celebrate our teachers and staff. Contact any of the board members if you can help out.

*8th grade Step Up dance- preparations are under way. There will be another step up meeting at the Roxbury Library on April 5 at 7:30pm. Michele Danielson is Chairperson. 7th grade parents typically volunteer their time to this event but anyone can donate items to help make this a memorable evening for our outgoing 8th graders. More details and

specifics will follow in coming months. To reach Michele Danielson: mhdaniels@att.net

*Ella Wink Scholarship- A team of 5 will read essays and submit potential winner(s) (seniors) of the scholarship.

Board of Education

Teachers met with the Board last week (on Thursday, March 17). We will get information on how that went. Fingers are crossed that it worked out. The administration settled with the Board on March 7.

Open Items:

EMS is selling awareness bracelets #miasmission for previous student Mia Salazar. Mia is a 15 year old Roxbury friend and neighbor who is undergoing treatment for colon cancer. Just like any and all other charities, especially those close to home, the staff at EMS collect \$ to donate to those causes.

Next Year's Officers

At this point, we only have 1 board member for next year...Secretary Michelle Stein. All other positions are open. EMS needs a PTO board for next year for any events to take place.

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 in the main office.

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