

02/12/20 Eisenhower Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

Officers in Attendance:

PTO Vice- President Lori Fisch Romano
PTO Treasurer Christine O'Connor
PTO Secretary Susan Szardenings

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Assistant Principal Mrs. Jessica Swaim is in attendance this evening.

Special guest Teresa Rehman, RSD Director of Technology, started our meeting by delivering a presentation about student online safety and digital citizenship. More information is available at: <https://sites.google.com/roxbury.org/rtsdprivacy/>. Highlights included updated antivirus programs and content filtering capabilities, and the development of one central student portal where a student can log into to access all the school approved sites that they can use. This student portal can be accessed from home as well. Other talking points included Digital Citizenship and student integrity while they create a continuous online digital footprint, creating a strong and secure password (which are now 12 characters long, not 8), and the advice to “Share with care”, to protect ones security and identity. Another recommended site for parents to visit is www.connectsafely.org.

Principal's Report:

Building highlights:

- Morris County Prosecutor's Office Presentation was well received.
- Winter Fun Night on Feb 7th went very well!
- Health & Hygiene talks with nurse/PE staff
- Book Love and Alludo G-Suite game awards during morning meeting
- Annika Szardenings, Aditya Mahalingam and Jared Weiss were recognized at 2/10/20 BOE meeting for their Patriot's Pen essays.

Coming Up:

- 2/13 - Rox Thon kickoff at RHS (8th grade)
- 2/14 - Responsive Classroom training for all EMS & LR staff
- 2/20 - Global Hi-5 at RHS- 6-9pm- a celebration of the world's cultures
- 2/18 - RoxThon info session at morning meeting (8th grade)
- 2/24 - Freedom Writers field trip to Washington, D.C. Holocaust Memorial (select 7th graders)
- 3/3 - RHS Counselors meet w/ 8th graders in small groups to choose RHS electives.
- 3/6 - Tech Free Day: Classroom activities & school wide reading train

Other talking points:

- Candy gram sales are going well (will benefit EOY celebrations)

PTO Board Highlights:

- The 8th Grade Step Up Dance will be on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 from 7-9pm following the graduation ceremony at RHS from 6-7pm. The Step Up Dance Committee will be chaired by Michele Clark and will be co-chaired by Geri Dasappan. The dance theme is designed by parents and is kept secret until that evening, which includes music, food, a photo booth, giveaways, etc. Seventh grade parent volunteers chaperone the evening~ the local Roxbury police attend to keep both a casual and responsible eye on the evening's festivities. 7th grade parent(s) are needed to chair this committee. Eighth grade parents most certainly can help with the planning of it, but they will not be present at the dance. More upcoming meeting information will be available soon.
- The Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon Day will be tentatively on Monday, May 4, 2020- more details to follow- families are encouraged to send in well wishes and food items to celebrate the educational community of EMS!
- Box Tops- parent Jen Rosenbaum is our Box Tops Chairperson and will use the Facebook pages to communicate with parents.
- A third EMS Fun Night was discussed and we will be looking at the school calendar to pick a date for it.
- **Our next EMSPTO Meeting will be on Thursday March 19th, 2020 @ 6:30pm 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. Principal Paul Gallagher will be in attendance at this meeting.

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EMSPTO Meeting Schedule

Thur. March 19th

Wed. April 22nd

Thur. May 14th

Wed. June 10th