

05/09/19 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

Principal's Report:

- The New Jersey State Leadership Assessment, formerly the PARCC test, was given to all students on Tuesday, May 7th through Thursday, May 9th. The testing went well. During the downtime of testing, the students watched *Soul Surfer* and *Instant Family* and enjoyed both movies. The students will be taking a student survey about the NJSLA in their Google Classroom. Make up testing will be given during the week of May 13th -17th.
- The 8th Grade Class will be participating in Science Testing May 20th - 24th.
- The 8th Grade Class will be going to see *Romeo & Juliet* at the Pax Amicus Theater, Budd Lake, New Jersey, in two groups on both May 15th and May 23rd.
- 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. Rain dates are May 30th and 31st
- 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 for the first time 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 Ms. Omega.
- 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.
- The Jefferson Lake Trip for the 8th Graders will be on Tuesday, June 18th (rain date of Wed. June 19th).

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance: \$7,185.43

President's Report:

- The Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 14th from 10:00am -1:00pm . Gabriella Pereira set up a Sign Up Genius on the 2 EMS facebook pages for bagels, cream cheese, brunch food and drinks. Michelle Danielson will come in and set up what has been dropped off up until that morning. 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!
- 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
- Lisa Stavitsky is running the Spring Spiritwear Campaign from May 9th through May 20th. the delivery should be early June. There will be a Google Classroom email blast to the students about the sale. Flyers can be posted on the school walls too.
- The Ella Wink Scholarship- Christine O'Connor- Annually the EMSPTO reaches out for a monetary donation from each of the four 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. This year, 74 applications were received. In April the essays were collected and now are currently being read by the board. On May 13th the recipients are chosen. On June 12th 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 party~ the party theme is designed by the 7th grade parents and is kept secret until the party~ 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} . Committee sign ups have been announced on both EMS Facebook pages.

- ***The Roxbury High School Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 26th at 12 noon.*
- ***EMSPTO Board vacancies, including President and Vice President positions, will be available for the 2019-2020 upcoming school year. The current board will put out an invitation via the 2 EMS Facebook pages and the Lincoln Roosevelt FB page for incoming 7th grade parents to attend our last PTO meeting on Tuesday, June 4th.***

New Business:

- The EMSPTO Board voted to make a contribution of \$100.00 toward RHS's Project Graduation.
- The EMSPTO Board has received Ella Wink Scholarship donations from 2 of the 4 elementary schools totaling \$300(\$150 & \$150). If this amount stays the same, the board voted to contribute \$200 for a total of \$500 to be awarded to one scholarship winner.
- **Our last EMSPTO Meeting of this school year will be held on Tuesday, June 4th @ 7:30-9:00pm. We will be meeting in the Lab of Inquiry(LOI) unless otherwise noted.** 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. If you know of incoming 7th grade parents/guardians who want to help out and have fun meeting other parents doing that, please invite them to come too- they are most welcome!