



Eisenhower Middle School PTO Minutes

January 11, 2012

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The meeting opened officially with the Flag Salute at 9:20 AM. There were 23 members in attendance.

New Year's Resolution - Katy Mutterer announced that the monthly EMS PTO meetings will try to be keep as close to one hour as possible. The meetings will follow with a "round table" discussion time with Mr. Raimo.

Executive Board Reports

1st VP - Ming Chow Plotnick

- **Directories** - These are still available for purchase.
- **Hospitality** - Thank you to Lynn Stamatelatos for providing hospitality this AM.
- **Pasta Dinner** - Interested in being a chairs...contact Ming.

2nd VPs - Christina Gori and Francesca Ferrara

- **Military Bridge** - This year the food will be catered as a special thank you to our members for the wonderful support this year.

3rd VP - Jennifer Calendrillo

- **Thank You** - The amazing show of support for Mr. Ciarlo and his family has been awesome.
- **Student Council** - Their trip is today. They have started to organize Spirit Week which is the week prior to February break.
- **Winter Concert** - They start this tonight and continuing for the next three weeks.
- **Mid-Trimester** - 1/23
- **Ski Club** - This club starting up next week.
- **Special i-Pad Presentation** - Frank Deegan presented to the members the "Show Me" app and how it is used in the classrooms and between staff. This app is interactive with the white boards. Once a teacher sets up a Show Me, students can go online at the school website and play it back. Students will be able to hear their teacher and see on the screen what the teacher is putting on the white board at the same time. This is a great tool for students that have missed school and also for students to use as a reinforcement tool of what

they have learned in class. A hard copy of his Power Point was available.

Secretary - Becky Harris

- **December 2011 Minutes** - Presented and approved by membership vote.

Treasurer - Lisa Brefach

- **December 2011 Financial Statement** - Presented and approved by membership vote.

Co Coordinator's Report - Lynn Markarian

- **Co Coordinator Needed** - EMS PTO Ex. Bd. needs to fill one more seat for the Co Coordinator position to work with Lynn.
- **Volunteers** - Please volunteer, you will be happy that you did.
- **Econo List** - Contact the shop for more details on this great way of selling items that you do not want to bring to the shop.

President's Report - Katy Mutterer

- **I-Pads** - A motion was made and passed to vote on the PTO's purchase of 25 i-Pads and a chart at the February PTO meeting. The total amount for this Wish List item is \$15,074.95.
- **Alfie Kohn, Author and Speaker** - Thanks to the financial support of the Wyckoff PTOs, Alfie Kohn is coming to the district on Tuesday, 1/24. Please make every effort to attend and hear what he has to say. Topics to be discussed will include: the need for homework, what do test really show and are we raising learners. It will be a thought provoking evening with a Q & A time to follow. Books will be available for purchase.

Principal's Report

Stephen Raimo

- **Support for Teacher** - The outpouring of support for Mr. Ciarlo and his family has been overwhelming. Thank you! Updates will be on the school website.
- **I-Pads w/ Chart** - The motion to vote on the PTO's purchase of 25 i-Pads and chart next month is wonderful. The staff and students will greatly benefit from this use of technology in the classroom.

- **Staff** - Mrs. Fuller's replacement, Ms. VanderWende will start next week. Mrs. Simon, Science, will be taking maternity leave in mid March. Ms. Kwasnik hopes to return to teach Spanish in February. Mr. Piercy, Math, is filling in for Team 8 maternity leave.
- **Spring Clubs**- These clubs will start up at the beginning of March or end of April.
- **Minimum School Day** - Monday, 1/16 will be a minimum school day for students. Staff will be having a workshop in the afternoon.

Committee Reports

Military Bridge - A light dinner will be provided this year as a special thank you to our members. Please consider donating a basket.

Coordinating Council - The next Coordinating Council meeting is 1/31 at Sicomac School.

CC Family Card Night » CC Family Fun Night - Coordinating Council has changed the name of its fundraiser to Family Fun Night. Please take note of the changed date, now 3/9. The recipient of this year's funds will go to the Police Department.

New Business

Grab Bag - If you came in with an item, please take one on the way out.

Fundraising for School Trips - The topic was brought up by a parent in support of having the students do fundraising to help lower the cost of the field trips.

Discussion Time with Mr. Raimo - All parents were invited to stay after the meeting and have a "round table" type discussion time with Mr. Raimo.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca A. Harris
EMS PTO Secretary

**Next PTO Meeting:
February 8th @ 9:15 AM**