



Eisenhower Middle School PTO Minutes

September 19, 2011

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The meeting opened officially with the Flag Salute at 7:42 PM. There were 42 members in attendance.

Executive Board Reports

1st VP - Ming Chow Plotnick

- **Directory/Membership**- please register on the website now.
- **Volunteers**- sign up on the website for all volunteer positions. There are a couple chair positions still open.
- **Thank You**- Book Fair volunteers and chairs, AnneMarie Voglino and Michelle Kowal.
- **Hospitality**- if you are able to bring in items for the PTO meetings, please contact Lynn Stamatelatos or volunteer through the website.

2nd VPs - Francesca Ferrara and Christina Gori

- **Spirit Wear Sale**- great success.
- **Book Fair**- wonderful selection for all students. Thank you to the many volunteers, especially AnneMarie Voglino and Michelle Kowal.
- **Author Visit**- Kenneth Oppel will be speaking to students in 7th and 8th grade to discuss his new book The Dark Endeavor. Please complete the order form if you would like to purchase any books.
- **Market Day**- packets went out on Friday. Terrific selection of frozen food items.
- **Fall Dinner**- plans are being made for this awesome event. Details will be out soon.
- **Baskets**- please help with donations and solicitations for baskets. If you have any contacts, utilize them.
- **Teen Canteens**- encourage your child(ren) to attend their Canteens. These events are a great way for them to socialize in a supervised setting. Register and volunteer online.

Secretary - Becky Harris

- **June 8, 2011 Minutes**- presented and approved by membership vote
- **PTO Minutes**- are posted on the website

Treasurer - Lisa Brefach

- **June 2011 Financial Statement-** presented and approved by membership vote
- **July 2011 Financial Statement-** presented and approved by membership vote
- **August 2011 Financial Statement-** presented and approved by membership vote
- **The 2011-2012 PTO Budget-** 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.
- **Lord & Taylor Benefit-** Thursday, April 7th at the Fashion Center location. Tickets \$5
- **"NEW" Econo List-** items that would not usually be taken at the shop can be advertised in a book at the shop for \$5. Contact Lynn or the shop for more information.

President's Report - Katy Mutterer

- **Welcome-** looking forward to a great year.
- **Wist List-** requested Wish List item of \$2000 to go to 3R's day was presented and approved by membership vote
- **District Wide Speaker-** additional designated funds to go toward a district wide speaker sponsored by Coordinating Council of \$1000 was presented to the membership and will be voted on at the October PTO meeting.
- **Race to Nowhere-** all parents are invited to attend a screening of this documentary film on October 12th, 7pm, at Indian Hills High School. Advance tickets are \$10.
- **Thank You-** AnneMarie Voglino and Michelle Kowal for a successful Book Fair. Chistine Key for a great job on the website and communications. Holly Rickert for helping with the new countertops in the ETV room.

Principal's Report

Stephen Raimo

- **Welcome-** Thank you parents for getting involved and attending the PTO meeting. EMS is continually working to have a sense of community and we are looking forward to a great school year.
- **Enrollment-** 6th grade has 278 students, 7th grade has 297 students and 8th grade has 251 students. EMS is currently down four students from last June.
- **Frost Valley Trip-** is on schedule for the sixth grade class to leave on 10/3. Frost Valley is fully open for business with school groups attending their programs. Repairs from hurricane Irene have been made.
- **Staff-** changes and new
 - Mrs. MacLean is the Team 1 leader
 - Ms. Caputo Team 1 Social Studies
 - Ms. Simon Team 3 Science
 - Mr. Wirjosemito Team 4 Social Studies
 - Mrs. Bower's returns to Team 5 Science
 - Ms. Langenfeld Team 5 Language Arts Literacy
 - Mrs. Del Grande Team 6 Language Arts Literacy
 - Mrs. Federici Health and Physical Education
 - Mrs. Murati French
 - Ms. Guzman for Mrs. Kwasnik Spanish
 - New Lunch Aides
- **Extra Help-** each team has a list posted for the students to see when teachers are available for extra help.
- **Anti-Bullying Legislation (HIB)-** there will be a HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) meeting for parents on October 20th, 7:30PM at EMS.
- **8th Grade Boston Trip Dates-** June 6-8, 2012
- **NJ Ask Mailing-** going out on 9/23
- **Pay to Participate-** is back for EMS sports. One fee covers the school year.
- **RSS Feed-** available for daily homework assignments. Go to the home page for your child's team and subscribe to the HW RSS Feed. Very easy.
- **Cell Phones-** please talk to your students about what is appropriate and make it very clear to them...what is not appropriate. "Don't text it, if you wouldn't say it" is good to remember. Know what your child is

sending out, as well as, what your child is receiving. It is important to know their contacts. This is a parent's right and responsibility.

Committee Reports

Canteens- Joanne Crain

- Awesome nights are being planned for all the students. Please register/volunteer on the website.

3Rs- Tricia Nussembaum

- October 24th is the date of this huge school wide program that is run every three years.
- Thirty speakers are booked. Each with their own amazing story to share.
- There will be two speakers for both the opening and closing programs, as well as, four speakers for each of the student groups throughout the day.
- Over \$25,000 has been raised and more is still needed.
- Please go on the website to see the numerous volunteer positions that are available.
- Thank you to all for donations through the Family Sponsorship Form and support the Hero Dinners.

New Business

Coordinating Council Meeting Change- Corinn Scher

- The October 25th CC meeting will change its location from Sicomac School to Washington School. The January 31st CC meeting will be at Sicomac School not Washington School. The locations are simply switching due to a school program. Both meeting times will be the same at 9:30AM. Please note the change.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Harris

EMS PTO Secretary

**Next PTO Meeting:
October 12th @ 9:15 AM**