

October 14, 2020 Eisenhower Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

PTO President – Linda Mango

PTO Vice President Lori Fisch Romano

PTO Treasurer - Caryn Block

PTO Secretary - Nicole Watson

Principal – Mr. Paul Gallagher

Principal's Report:

- October is the month of respect. The 19th and 20th will be wear purple for anti-violence and the week of the 28th is red ribbon week for a drug free lifestyle. Videos will be made to include the virtual kids.
- Security drills are only being talked about right now. Since we are an ALICE district that requires teachers and students be more engaged in the decision-making process during an emergency. When we are able to safely huddle and evacuate, we can resume drills. The drills are always educational and not meant to scare them. Hopefully it can be done in the spring.
- Orchestra, Band and Choir are up and running. The students are playing in the halls, auditorium and outside. Its wonderful to hear music in the school again. Virtual kids also have access to band instruction.
- Looking towards expanding indoor sports and clubs. The superintendent will be making decisions by the end of week. EMS has been on standby to proceed with winter sports, basketball and wrestling. EMS clubs are listed on the website and awaiting board approval.
- Phase 2 of reopening should be announced by Friday and details will be given by individual principals on the steps to move forward.
- The past few weeks have been very busy and everyone at EMS is doing their best with this temporary schedule.
- A dedicated e-mail will go out for the easiest fundraiser.

Pto:

Caryn Block, Treasurer

- Planning on a teacher back to school lunch for October 23rd, it will include sandwiches, macaroni salad, chips and water. A vegetarian option will be offered. The cost will be \$300.00, after that is paid for the account total will be \$6914.04.
- Venmo account is up and running for easiest fundraiser and Caryn is keeping track of who has paid.
- Caryn has the information for the Ella Wink scholarship and will be picking up the Certificate of Insurance for general liability.

Lori Romano, Vice President

- Planning on using DeZine Line for a fall spirit wear fundraiser. A poll will be posted on facebook to find out interest in items that need a certain number to be ordered. The sale will run from Oct. 26th – Nov.9th. There is two weeks for processing. Pick up will be determined closer to the date depending where we are with access to the school building.

Open Floor Questions

- Is Ann Rhodes still working for Roxbury Community School? And is Ski club happening? Yes, she is still working for the community school. We are still waiting for approval from the superintendent for clubs.
- Is EMS live streaming? It was mentioned at the board meeting. EMS is not formally live streaming. Accommodations were made by teachers for a couple of students in a special circumstance. It is not currently being offered.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 10th

November 18th April 14th

January 13th May 12th

February 10th June 2nd