

TEMS PTO Meeting Minutes, March 06, 2019
9AM, Large Group Room

Executive Vice President Kate Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting. Each person then had an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Attendance:

Andy Phillips, Laurie Nishimura, Kate Miller, Michelle Barton, Becky Caldwell, Michelle Snyder, Tricia Jennings, Heather Hill, Yoon Jae Sung, Dante Mucci, Roberta Hotinski

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Michelle Snyder

Minutes from the February 2019 meeting were distributed at the meeting and approved.

Principal's Report - Dr. Andy Phillips

- 8th grade goes to Washington DC at the end of March, including a visit to the Holocaust Museum.
- 7th grade is preparing for the Williamsburg trip.

Guest Speaker - Roberta Hotinski, School Board, Chair of Education Committee

- The Education Committee is currently considering one option to achieve later school start times that could be placed into effect for the 2019-2020 school year. The District is gathering feedback through a survey to assess the potential impact of this start time option on students, parents and staff. Middle and high school students as well as staff will be surveyed during the week of March 11.
- The parent survey will be open from 8:00 AM on March 8, 2019 through 8:00 AM on March 18, 2019. You will receive an additional email on March 8 with a link to the parent survey.
- Other school districts have moved ahead with changing start times to later in the morning.

- Received a very positive response for the 1st draft of the plan.
- There will be additional morning care options for those children who still need to come to school earlier.

Guest Speaker - Mr. Dante Mucci 7th/8th grade science teacher

- Teaches science to 7th and 8th grades, including meteorology, chemistry and geology.
- Taught High School for 7 years.
- Spent 23 years as a teacher.
- Uses motivational speakers as another method to teach kids the importance of resilience, focus and discovering what they really want to do.

PTO President's Report - Renee Del Viscio

- 5th and 6th grade social at Devon Lanes, was a great success bringing in \$1,300 profit.

Executive Vice President's Report - Kate Miller

- Time to start thinking about next year and filling positions for PTO.
- We need a VP for next year.

Vice President Fundraising - Becky Caldwell

- April 4th, is shopping day at Luella. A 10% savings to shoppers at all 3 locations. Wine and cheese from 5:00-7:00 pm at Wayne location only.
- 5th and 6th grade social brought in \$1,300.

Vice President Communications - Michelle Barton

- Cathy Meany will continue to do the blast next year.
- Trivia Night, we still have 8 tables left.
- I'm A Bulldog, the target is \$6,500, currently at \$5,618.

Green Initiative - Heather Hill

- 3/24 is International Earth Hour turn of lights for one hour.
- 4/26 is Earth day at Devon Elementary.

- 5/11 is Wilson Farm Park Electronics, recycle anything with a plug.

Vice President Cultural Arts – Laurie Nishimura

- DELTA meets on the first Tuesday of the month, cultural arts programs are available because multiple schools collaborate.
- On 3/20, Dance China New York Assemblies.

New Business/Questions/Concerns

None

2018-19 PTO Meetings (all begin at 9:00AM):

April 3rd

May 1st

June 5th

Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am.