

TEMS PTO Meeting Minutes, September 5th, 2018
9AM, TEMS Large Group Room

PTO President Renee Del Viscio welcomed everyone to the meeting. Each person then had an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Attendance:

Renee Del Viscio, Kate Miller, Michelle Barton, Becky Caldwell, Principal Andy Phillips, Claire LaTorraca, Kate Miller, Angella Min, Tricia Jennings, Laurie Nishimura, Heather Hill, Denzi Alp, Michelle Moua, Meg Burgo, Sheeva Reilly, Tracy Viola, Gabby Guors, Ed Aldridge, Anita Vignesh, Katrina Von Hoyer Costas, Lisa Caristan, Nicole Furman, Avis Cooper James, Lisa Schreiber

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Michelle Snyder

Minutes from the May 2nd 2018 and June 6th 2018 meeting were distributed at the meeting and approved.

Principal's Report - Dr. Andy Phillips

- Each year we have a theme, this year for 7th and 8th grades, they will all receive laptops and attend an orientation for this new program.
- We are emphasizing safety and being proactive with that. Rules and plans are presented. We are all responsible. Anyone who sees something that may seem wrong is encouraged to report it either at school or at home. Our first safety drill was last week.
- We have been having indoor activity this past week to keep our kids cool, as temperatures have been too high for outdoor play.
- Please reach out with any questions.

PTO President's Report - Renee Del Viscio

- We have an opening for a 5th or 6th grade parent to chair the Social. In years past we went to Arnolds. You may reach out to Renee for more information.
- We also need a parent for the 8th grade Recognition.
- All presidents in districts will be meeting.

Executive Vice President's Report - Kate Miller

- A snack sign up sheet was distributed for upcoming meetings.

Guest Speaker: TEMS Nurse, Leigh Ann Coary

- Open and flexible to phone calls for whatever reason.
- We had over 9,000 visits to the nurse's office last year.
- Parents can call or email and she will respond.
- Health screenings are on the 11th and 12th and parent help is very much appreciated.
- Extra leggings and elastic pants are needed for kids who may need to change during the school day.

Guest Speaker: Assistant Principal, Mrs. Kim Morris

- Administrator for 6th and 8th grades, as well as the Athletic Director.
- Will be in contact about what they need, you can always call or email and she is available for any support kids or parents may need.
- Also in charge of all clubs and activities. Kids may start a new club if it doesn't exist. This helps them develop as a leader. They need 10 other students to form a new club.
- Every year we are required to have PIAA forms. They need to be updated and on file to ensure safety each year with updated physicals.
- Impact testing is done only once during Middle school (7th and 8th grade) and then just testing new kids.
- 5th and 6th grades have intramural after school sports which only requires that all parents sign sudden cardiac arrest and concussion protocol forms.

- Kids used to be able to shuttle on music school bus, however this is no longer available so they will need a ride home at 3:15.

Vice President Communications - Michelle Barton

Website - Claudette Mc Carron

- Claudette Mc Carron manages the website and online forms for sign ups.
- 3,600 visits in August to website.

PTO Blast - Kathy Meaney

- We send an email blast each Sunday.
- So far, we've had a 65 % open rate.
- We communicate a lot of information from school and the PTO.
- You may request information you would like included in the email blast.

School Services - Tricia Jennings

- We have an open position for school beautification.
- Parents are also needed as dance chaperones for 7th and 8th grades.

Green Initiative - Heather Hill

- This year we are adding to bins, collecting used pens, pencils, batteries, light bulbs and toothbrushes.
- Upcoming Halloween costume drive.
- Green corner is in the school newsletter.

Welcoming Committee - Claire LaTorraca

- Next coffee is on 9/28/18.
- Volunteer role can be flexible, we can pair you up with families of kids of similar ages.
- Monthly coffees are held.

ICS (Inter School Council) - Meg Burgo

- We have monthly meetings with representatives from all schools and from each grade.
- Each school has the opportunity to present once during the year.
- Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.
- Diversity is an open position for TEMS monthly meetings, we need someone to attend and report back.

Vice President Cultural Arts – Laurie Nishimura

- Cultural Arts Program for 2018-2019 includes three all school assemblies as well as one for each grade. Open for anyone to attend. We are looking for a shadow this year to help this year, and perhaps next year.
- November 14th - AudioBody
- January 17th - Visiting author, Erin Entrada Kelly
- March 20th - Dance China NY
- Grade 5 - Chariot of the Sun
- Grade - The Seventh Principle
- Grade 7 - Chosen Dance
- Grade 8 - Renaissance Men

Vice President Fundraising - Becky Caldwell

- Break the Ice Social is this Friday at 6pm, we have a DJ and water ice.
- Amazon Affiliate was \$1,300 last year.
- We encourage everyone to use the link for amazon (not thru the app) so the PTO gets a portion of sales.
- Goal is \$2,000 for this year.
- We targeted \$2,700 for the school store last year however, we didn't come close to that. A few minor changes will be made, we plan to have it open every single day. Volunteers are difficult to find, so sign up genius will be improved.
- 5th and 6th grade social is open for volunteers to chair it.

Treasurer's Report – Angella Min

- Balance as of 9/4/18 is \$10,043 in checking and \$41,127 in money market.
- Directories are still happening, not much to report as of right now.

New Business/Questions/Concerns

None

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

September 5th

October 3rd

November 7th

January 9th

February 6th

March 6th

April 3rd

June 5th

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.