

TEMS PTO Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2019
9AM, 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, Meg Burgo, Barb Weiner, Heather Hill, Andy Phillips, Laurie Nishimura, Kate Miller, Sheeva Reilly, Michelle Barton, Becky Caldwell, Michelle Snyder, Heather Hill, Cindy Yu, Katina Von Hoyer

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Michelle Snyder

Minutes from the November 7th, 2018 meeting were distributed at the meeting and approved.

Principal's Report - Dr. Andy Phillips

- Shared the document overview of Safe2SaySomething.
- In 2018, the General Assembly passed Act 44 mandating the establishment and use of the Safe2SaySomething (S2SS) anonymous reporting system by every Pennsylvania school entity by January 14, 2019.
- Mandatory training took place in December and the program will be rolled out in January.
- Training will be tailored and age appropriate for different grade levels.
- Information will go out to parents next week.

Guest Speaker - TEMS Teacher - Mr Allison

- We participated in an interactive review of Kahootz program in Mr Allison's Science class.
- Kahootz has many interactive programs that the kids use to review science lessons.
- We also had a hands on review of onion cells under a microscope.

PTO President's Report - Renee Del Viscio

- Shared document "Options for school start times" proposal by the Education Committee - January 2019.
- District Goal # 1.4 is to assess the impact of potential strategies for addressing adolescent sleep needs, including the implications for school start times.
- School board meeting is this Thursday at 7pm.
- All of the information is on the district website.
- PTO has received feedback requesting a new sign.
- Tickets for Trivia Night will be going on sale 1/23. The cost is \$400 for a table of 8. The event is on March 23rd at BUMS.

Executive Vice President's Report - Kate Miller

- \$342 in revenue from Spirit Wear sales.

Vice President Fundraising - Becky Caldwell

- On 1/30/19 will have our Panera fundraiser, blast will be sent out prior.
- The 6th grade social event location will be determined, potentially Get Air or Dave & Busters.
- Amazon Sales were \$125 for 3 months.
- Our administrators don't get credit for money spent on Amazon.

Treasurer's Report – Angella Min

- As of 1/8/19, we have the following balances:
- \$13,182 in Checking
- \$41,541 in Money Market

Vice President Communications - Michelle Barton

- Email TEMS PTO to make requests of information to be included in the blast.

Green Initiative - Heather Hill

- We are recycling school directories, a new bin.
- Shoe collection is also coming up.

Committees and Reps - FLITE Barbara Weiner

- Was a school counselor at Hillside for over 30 years.
- Shared 3 programs that require funding and is asking for the PTO to consider fundraisers.

1. Spark the wave, a leadership program.
2. STEM (Science, Technology ,Engineering, Math) camp where kids get the opportunity to be on college campus.
3. A child's place ½ day Kindergarten for kids who don't have a lot of pre-school experience.

ISC (Inter School Council) - Meg Burgo

- Next meeting is on Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM,
- Since 2000, we've had significant increase in students, in the district and this continues to grow.

Vice President Cultural Arts – Laurie Nishimura

- On January 17th, multiple award winning novelist and professor of children's literature Erin Entrada Kelly will be visiting TEMS.
- Her bestselling books include: *Hello, Universe*, *You Go First*, *The Land of Forgotten Girls*, and *Blackbird Fly*. She won the 2018 Newbery Medal, the most prestigious prize in children's literature, for *Hello, Universe*, which was on the 6th Grade Summer Reading List the year.
- Erin will be happy to personally sign books for students during her visit

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

May 1st

June 5th

Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.