

TEMS PTO Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2018
9AM, TEMS Room 109

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, Andy Phillips, Angella Min, Michelle Barton, Tricia Jennings, Laurie Nishimura, Becky Caldwell, Michelle Snyder, Avis Cooper James, Deniz Alp, Laura Mills, Heather Hill, Lisa Schreiber, Tracey Viola

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Michelle Snyder

Minutes from the September 5, 2018 meeting were distributed at the meeting and approved.

Principal's Report - Dr. Andy Phillips

- Lots of upcoming events, all are in the weekly blasts.
- Magazine drive kicks off next week. This is an optional fundraiser. These funds come directly to the school to support events such as field trips.
- School supply collection is happening in a few weeks.
- 5th and 6th graders will have a Halloween mixer. This is an after school event, many kids do dress up. It's held the Friday before Halloween.

PTO President's Report - Renee Del Viscio

- All of the district's PTO Presidents meet monthly to share what everyone is doing. The administrators also share what they're doing across the district.
- The district is conducting a sleep study to decide if there will be adjustments to school start times.
- This topic is on the agenda for the 10/11 meeting, and they will look to parents for feedback.

Executive Vice President's Report - Kate Miller

- No new business to report.

Guest Teacher - Mr. Mumford, Technology and Engineering

- Splits time between the high school and middle school.
- Teaches PhotoShop and imaging, using digital tools to enhance images for 7th and 8th grade.
- Engineering design process is the core of the program and involves researching problems to find solutions, it is the basis that continues from 7th through 12th grade.
- Engineering and Technology meets 2x per cycle, 1 Quarter.
- Sketchup is 3D design and modeling, there is also online version you can use at home.
- Manufacturing process using tools - tic tac toe board, and 3d printed games.
- Robotics and Lego EV3 mindstorms.
- Computer programming skills and space challenge.
- 3D design challenge - H20 To go project.

Guest Speaker - Avis Cooper James, Links, Incorporated

- Links, Incorporated is an International, non-profit, volunteer public services organization founded in Philadelphia, PA in 1946. They have established a solid and successful educational environment for the children of Mt. Zion.
- In celebration of World Peace Day, later in November, the African American Culture Club and Bulldog Ambassadors are sponsoring a kindness day on November 2nd.
- We will be sponsoring an International service project as a school-wide, act of kindness to help the Mt. Zion Primary School in St. James, Jamaica.
- We are asking families to donate the following items: #2 pencils, boxes of 24 crayons and hardback composition books. They will also collect bar soap, deodorant roll on, and new black socks for kids ages 6-12.

- If TEMS can pull together to help the students in Jamaica by filling two bins to donate during the week of 10/15, the African American Culture Club and Bulldog Ambassadors will have a fun surprise for you.

Treasurer's Report – Angella Min

- Balance as of 10/2/18 is \$12, 978 in checking and \$41,531 in money market.
- Direct Donations (a new line item) was budgeted for \$1,000, and the year to date actual is \$1,425.
- School Directories were budgeted for \$3,000, and the year to date actual is \$3,685.

Vice President Communications - Michelle Barton

- Please Email any requests to the PTO, if you would like any information added to the blast.

PTO Blast - Kathy Meaney

- Last month, the blast open rate was 60%, this month we're back down to 30% open rate.

School Services - Tricia Jennings

- ARCH has an event tonight at Conestoga. Chris Herren, is speaking to kids today and again at 7pm to the parents. He was a high school basketball player who played in the NBA. He shares his story on addiction and recovery.
- Paper forms this year have made a huge difference. We've received more than 210 forms (online and paper).
- This year, we also experimented with an "opt-out" via donation for those who don't want or cannot donate their time. We set a goal of \$,1000 and we've raised \$1,425 so far.

ICS (Inter School Council) - Meg Burgo

- Statewide averages have not been released yet for PSSA's. In the past our district has scored about 25% or higher than state averages.
- The Keystone Exams will be a high school graduation requirement for all TEMS students.
- The district calendar for the 2019-2010 school year will be finalized in November.
- It is a State requirement that all school districts have a comprehensive plan.

Green Initiative - Heather Hill

- The big initiative is the Halloween costume drive which continues through 10/10.
- Donations go to Montgomery County pantry for families with kids, who may not have the funds for a new costume.
- Last year, we joined the Pepsi recycling initiative. Mrs Wilson has a group of kids who did collections and we earned \$70.

Vice President Cultural Arts – Laurie Nishimura

- We had our 2nd meeting with DELTA.
- DELTA is “Districts Educating and Learning Through the Arts.”
- DELTA meets monthly, first Tuesday of the month at 9:30am at the Easttown Library - open to all interested in bringing cultural arts to our school.
- On November 14th, we will have the AudioBody all school assembly. This is a synthesis of music, comedy and technology.

Vice President Fundraising - Becky Caldwell

- We have two new line items in the budget.
- Concession sales: During the 7 and 8th grade home sporting events, selling Philly pretzels, bottled water, and Gatorade at the events. Each item will sell for \$1.00. We will need a volunteer.

- Vendor partner fundraising includes partnering with local restaurants and businesses (Chipotle, Anthony's pizza, Five Below) and having a day where we get a percentage of the sales.
- We would advertise it in the blast and 11/6 would be the first date. 11/26 is another staff inservice day, and 2/28 which is a half day, and 5/21 another staff in service day. We will need a volunteer to chair the event.
- The "I'm A Bulldog Campaign," began 8 years ago. It started so that parents can donate with a specific campaign in mind, to enrich teachers classrooms.

Lisa Schreiber

- 5ht grade math night is on 11/14.
- Education week is same week, we will need 20 volunteers to donate baked goods.

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 10:50 a.m.