

TEMS PTO Meeting Minutes, Nov 7th, 2018
9AM, Library

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

Attendance:

Renee Del Viscio, Angella Min, Yoon Jae (Jennifer) Suny, Jeanne Braun, Avis Cooper James, Tricia Jennings, Heather Hill, Andy Phillips, Laurie Nishimura, Kate Miller, Tracy Viola, Sheeva Reilly, Michelle Barton, Becky Caldwell, Michelle Snyder

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Michelle Snyder

Minutes from the October 3rd, 2018 meeting were distributed at the meeting and approved.

Principal's Report - Dr. Andy Phillips

- An assembly titled “Ryan’s Story” will be held at TEMS on November 27. This assembly is designed to help students think deeply about bullying, mental health and seeking help for themselves and others if they notice problems.
- Ryan’s Story is a presentation given by Mr. John Halligan whose son Ryan took his own life as an 8th grader due to a combination of many factors including depression and cyber-bullying.
- The assembly is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders.
- Some students may not be ready for this type of content. Any student may decline to attend the assembly.
- We have held this assembly at TEMS before and have found it to be age-appropriate and valuable with very positive feedback from kids.
- An evening presentation also available on the next day, for parents at Valley Forge Middle.

Guest Speaker - Lisa Lukens

- Everyone at the meeting had the opportunity to experience, first-hand how the Virtual Reality goggles work, using Google Expedition.
- With VR teachers are no longer limited by the space of the classroom. Google Expeditions allows a teacher to guide students through collections of 360° scenes and 3D objects, pointing out interesting sites and artifacts along the way.
- These VR goggles will allow our kids to experience virtual field trips to places all over the world, guided by the teacher.
- Beaumont Elementary and Valley Forge Middle have carts of them as well and they are shared among buildings.
- Using Google Expedition, users can search for expeditions such as history, science, the arts, and the natural world.
- The cost is \$9,000 for 30 kits which would be mobile. The content is updated by google (no cost), some are still and some are video expeditions.
- An android phone is used inside of the goggles.

Guest Speaker - Community and Volunteer Services Coordinator - Jeanne Braun

- On Thursday, 11/15 at at Wayne Presbyterian Church, at 7:00 PM, Brad Reedy, will present “Raising Resilient Children Amidst Today’s Societal Challenges.”
- He is the author of *The Journey of the Heroic Parent*.
- Event is open to the Public.

PTO President’s Report - Renee Del Viscio

- Trivia night date has changed to Friday 3/29 at BUMS.
- Tables did sell out last year.
- Sleep study discussion is tomorrow night at 7pm and at ISC meeting next Wednesday, 11/14/18.

Executive Vice President’s Report - Kate Miller

- No new business to report.

Vice President Fundraising - Becky Caldwell

- Our first vendor partner fundraiser was yesterday, at Anthony's Pizza.
- 11/26 is the next one, with Panera and Five Below at both locations. A solo blast will go out as a reminder.
- No one has volunteered to head up the concession sales at our home games.

Treasurer's Report – Angella Min

- As of 11/6, we have the following balances:
\$14,328 in Checking
\$41,534 in money market

Vice President Communications - Michelle Barton

- I'm A Bulldog Campaign - currently at \$2,043 in donations this year.
- We didn't mail home the letters this year.
- We had raised more money last year (\$3,846 was raised by 11/1/17 last year).
- Committee met and granted requests to teachers.
- Amazon wish lists are used for teachers requests.

Michelle Barton - (Reporting For Cathy Meaney) - PTO Blast

- PTO blast open rate is back down to 40% range.

Green Initiative - Heather Hill

- The costume drive was a great success.
- In January, we will have the used shoe collection (all kinds of shoes).
- Anything with a plug, this weekend at Wilson farm.

ISC (Inter School Council) - Meg Burgo

- Next Wednesday is the next meeting at District building.
- BUILD - is a parent support group monthly meeting and guest speakers, for kids in learning support and gifted.
- FLITE provides resources for family that need financial assistance.

Vice President Cultural Arts – Laurie Nishimura

- The first show for AudioBody is at Devon Elementary.
- Next Wednesday, we have 2 assemblies at TEMS.
- The public show is at Valley Forge Middle.
- DELTA (Districts Educating and Learning Through the Arts) meets monthly, on the first Tuesday of the month, at 9:30am at the Easttown Library - open to all interested in bringing cultural arts to our school.

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 10:27 a.m.