**Northeast Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes**

**February 5, 2019**

**Meeting was called to order** in the library at 6:33 p.m. by Danielle Dixon.

**Welcome/Introductions**: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Board members were introduced.

**Secretary’s Report**: Allison Gill. Minutes reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Julie McCollum

**Principal’s Report:** Dr. Kevin Martin- Introduced Dr. Cox.

* Scholars Display Showcase Night: How can things be done differently with parent conferences? Discussed keeping more of a traditional approach in the fall for conferences and doing the display for spring. Each student will have a piece of work displayed outside of core team classrooms for everyone to see. Orchestra students will play pieces as well as band members. Theater students will perform skits for Black History Month. Teachers will be available for a brief conference or feel free to schedule meeting times with individual teachers as needed. This allows flexibility with schedules. Students and teachers have worked hard on this and are excited to show their work. Additional parking will be available on the track.
* Team INSPIRE- (this used to be 7 Silver) Teachers and administrators attended a 3 day conference on this. Goal is to have one of these teams on each grade level in 3 years. Project based learning will be the structure of this team. Teachers will develop themes and projects to go along with this theme. Dr. Martin discussed the possible plan and vision for this type of team and learning. Students were allowed to self-select. Parents will also receive a letter with the option to select this as an option. Demographics will be looked at to select students for this team as well as a random number generator to place students on this team.
* Character time will be increased next year. Passing period will go from four minutes to three minutes. Character time will focus on soft skills (i.e. writing emails, shaking hands, etc.). Day of Service, Day of Culture, and Day of Legacy will also change. Dr. Martin discussed the focus of these days and what changes will be made for next school year. The focus will be to increase the participation by all students in each of these days.
* 8th grade dance will be moved to the evening. Graduation will stay the same.
* Genius hour is still going strong and looking to expand this next year.
* Read-In- students can share original or famous pieces of work (poem, song, writing). The idea is to gather and share literature from a variety of cultures.
* Talent Show-will be held this year. More information to come.

**Treasurer’s Report:** given by Julie McCollum

**New News:**

* Conference dinner will be covered by Dr. Martin
* President and Vice President positions will be open next year. Please spread the word and email PTO if interested**.**

**Questions for PTO: no questions**

**NEMS 101:**

One more snow day will be made up April 19th

Parents of NEMS- Facebook page is a good place for information.

PTO email- northeastmiddlepto@gmail.com

**Upcoming Events:**

February 11th Project Parkway at North High Topic: Mental Health

February 13th Scholarship Display Showcase

February 15th No School (Records Day)

February 18th No School (President’s Day)

February 26th Mental Health Resource Night at NEMS

February 27th Late Start

March 7th & 8th Spring Play 7:00 pm

March 18th-22nd Spring Break

March 27th Late Start

Next meeting April 16, 2019

Meeting adjourned 7:22 p.m.

Minutes compiled by: Allison Gill, Secretary