

October 9, 2018

PFA Meeting Minutes:

Bridgette Nolan - Student Representative

- Respect week just wrapped up ending on October 5, 2018
- October 10, 2018 Sophomore and Juniors will take the PSAT. Freshman will participate in the Freshman Academy Leadership Activities program. Seniors will have their own activities but can arrive on a delayed opening.
- Spirit week is next week. Monday – Sophomore and Seniors should wear blue. Freshman and Juniors should wear white. Tuesday is Hawaiian, Wednesday is USA, Thursday is Decades Day and Friday is Pink.
- The Homecoming dance is on October 20, 2018. Tickets will be sold in advance outside the cafeteria next week. Prices are \$12 for one two for \$20.
- South will host the Halloween Hullabaloo on Saturday, October 27 from 11 am. This will provide safe trick or treating in addition to games, prizes and lots of candy!

Mrs. Fallon - Teacher Representative:

- The faculty lounge recently renovated by the PFA is “wonderful”
- Progress reports will be going out shortly, please keep your eyes open for those.
- There is a new program starting this year Math National Honors eligible for Juniors and Seniors

Mr. Kirkpatrick - principal

- Introduced himself to the freshman parents.
- Middletown South purpose is to prepare our young adults for secondary success whether that be work or college
- Mr. Homiak is leaving. Mr. Homiak will be sorely missed. Mr. Cullen will be taking his position.
- Several staff changes happening. Mr. Debler and Mrs. Baird. If your child is in either of these classes you will be receiving a letter home notifying you of the change in teachers.
- Currently working on parent/student communication will have more transparency i.e activities, classes and job fairs, etc they will put videos online for the parents to review
- Vaping in bathrooms have been an issue. Sophomore advisory has been eliminated as it was hard to track students and enforce advisory. This has freed up time for teacher to closely monitor the bathroom usage during lunch and advisory periods.
- Lunch policy, South is an open campus, which means children can have their lunch anywhere on campus. There are enough seats for everyone in the cafeteria and the overflow in the gym.
- Parking spots continue to be an issue. There are only 150 spots for the seniors. If a student has excessive lateness's and tardys they will be pushed to the bottom of the list. The district is looking into areas to put new spots on campus. If anyone has any questions/concerns they can reach out to Mr. Kirkpatrick.

- Important dates that are coming; October 19 Football game vs. SJV. Prior to the game the homecoming court will be driven down in Jeeps by faculty members. October 20, Homecoming.
- Bond Fire will be moved to the Tuesday, prior to Thanksgiving. 10/24 8th grade orientation. 10/17 Financial Aid Presentation
- Thank you for the wonderful gifts giving from the PFA. The faculty lounge looks terrific.
- We will be polling the students to see what they think we can use in the school.

Tara Nicholas – Asst Principal of Guidance

- The Sophomore and Junior students will take the PSAT's tomorrow. Students need to bring pencils and calculators for the test. Middletown will pay for this test. The top 1600 scoreers in the county will make National Merit. Last year we had 3 students who made this.
- Financial aid night is October 17. More geared at junior and senior parents, however, anyone is welcome to attend.
- Schedules are in place as of now.
- Naviance presentation – school to home connection.
 - All announcements go home via guidance through Naviance to the parents. All students should have their accounts.
 - Naviance is search engine for colleges too.
 - Students can login on Naviance to generate a pass to visit with the college reps who come to South.

Tom Letson: Student Asst Coordinator - Parent Bullying Presentation

- Please see the attached presentation
- Assistant Principle currently in charge of the freshman class and juniors. The freshman class is a unique challenge given the size of the class.
- Primary role is attendance and discipline
- Ensures facilities, maintenance, security guards, attends all events football games, mock trials, etc. Homecoming bonfire, 8th grade and 7th grade open house.
- Staff and student handbooks
- HIIB cases, professional development, attend IEP meetings, student counseling
- Major issues with the new attendance recording. You can not miss more then 8 classes. Doctors absences are considered not excused. After three absences an attendance letter will be sent out. Please keep a running folder of your students absences, i.e. doctors notes, special circumstances (graduations, funerals, etc.)

Claudia PFA President

- Introduced the board

- The teachers' lounge was given a makeover by the PFA over the summer and has been well received.
- PFA also donated 10 charging stations and assisted with the purchase of the new PA system. We also designed and the info sign in the rear field. In addition, we purchased the new and improved Eagle Scout.
- PFA donates \$7500 in Scholarships
- Membership and snack stand help the PFA accomplish our budget goals.
- Our Super 50/50 is almost at \$3,000. Winner will be picked at the Thanksgiving game at North, don't forget to get your tickets. Come see us at the snack stand.
- Teacher grants just went out the PFA provides \$1000 in grants.
- Modells coupon in September made \$120, another coming in November.
- Meet the candidates will be held on 10/17 at Middletown Village, 10/23 at Lincroft Elementary, 10/25 at Nut Swamp and on 11/1 at the North High School
- Halloween Hullaboo 10/27

Paige Benigno Treasurer

- Budget was created over the summer.
- Numbers speak for themselves, our scholarship numbers have increased this year.
- Budget is passed
- Our money comes primarily from membership, snack bar and every other year we do a solicitation letter.
- PFA handles the Senior sign. This is a fundraiser for the PFA. We have lawn signs (20), the banner without the picture (25), the banner with the picture is (30). You can order up until April

Claudia Healy in lieu of Michele Glynn Membership

- We are at about 35 percent of the school.
- We added Venmo for the teachers for payment and have 65 current members.

Lisa Yasuk Snack Stand Coordinator

- Wanted to reiterate that membership is so important. For your child to be eligible for membership you must be a member of the PFA.
- Our first game which was a white out themed, please note the themes are picked by the students on South Nation. We made \$2,000, which is great. We also opened for the soccer games North vs. South and we made \$649.
- Funnel cakes were introduced. Challenge in the beginning but we will continue with them.
- Pink out 10/19 and USA out 10/26 are the themes for the next two games. Please sign up to help at the snack stand. There is a lot of fun to be had by all.
- There may be a possible playoff home game, this is to be determined.
- At the next meeting there will be a parent panel with parents that have children at different colleges, both in state and out. Please see me after the meeting if you have interest in participating. This panel will be there for any questions and or concerns for children who will be entering college.

Cristina Young Staff Appreciation Coordinator

- Back to school breakfast was a success
- Custodian day lunch was provided the past Friday to thank them for all their hard work.
- Thank you, Melanie Elmiger, for doing a great job, with the cleaning up and planting of new flowers around the school.

Kelly Iannone Technology Coordinator

- Please let us know when your students sport or club is doing a fundraiser we will put on the website, email, twitter facebook, etc..
- By laws were updated over the summer, there are three pages. Minor changes were made. Mainly with certain groups, i.e. sports groups. We wanted to be more specific over the criteria of how we give money. i.e. if a group is fully funded by the district they cannot be funded the money. Another change is the by laws should be reviewed every four years. – By laws are passed
- There is a fundraiser at AR workshop in Red Bank. This will be held on October 24, from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. There are five spots left. Please contact us if you are interested in attending. You are allowed to bring food and wine and there will be a dad who is playing music.

Congratulations to Michelle Reda on being our door prize winner!!