

PIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

1. **Welcome** - Margie Rafferty-Criscione
2. **District Update**
 - **Transportation issues / proposed elementary time schedule change** - Amy Gallagher, Barbara Vining (Link to presentation [here.](#))
 - *PIC members shared a number of concerns regarding the time change. These included the impact on the cost and availability of before and after care, after school activities, and on working parents. It was determined that roughly 30% of the transported students are having issues with late buses, which prompted discussion about changing the schedule for all students if not all students are impacted. Perhaps there were other issues that could be resolved without affecting the elementary school start and end times. Ultimately, Dr. George said that there may or may not be a vote regarding the time change this school year.*
 - **Homework revisited** - Cindy Wilson, Lisa Henschel
 - *An Elementary Home School Connection Committee is working to develop new recommendations for the Administration and Board of Education to consider regarding Homework policies, practices and procedures. The committee is reviewing feedback and data from this year's Ocean Avenue School homework pilot as well as current research and community/teacher surveys. Additionally, the committee is working on drafting recommendations for revisions to the standard based elementary report cards. The committee is considering feedback from families and teachers that has been shared over the past few years as well as recent changes to State Learning Standards. The goal is to streamline the report cards and make them more user friendly and informative for both staff and families. The Committee is working towards presenting recommendations for revisions to the Homework and Report Card policies in July, 2017.*
3. **MTFODL** - Magaly Milton, Dr. Saffert

- There is now a conflict resolution option for parents. Parents can apply for a state facilitator for the IEP process as an optional step before mediation. (Link to facilitated IEP information [here](#).)
 - The Office of Special Education is proud to sponsor regional Dare to Dream Student Leadership conferences that highlight the importance of student self-advocacy and leadership. Each conference features presentations from accomplished students and adults with disabilities who have demonstrated exemplary self-advocacy and leadership skills. (Link to an informational video here [Dare to Dream](#))
4. **Board of Education** - *Ernie Donnelly, Sue Griffin*
6. **New Business**
- **Upcoming school events**
 - [St. Baldrick's Foundation, Conquer Childhood Cancers, Shave the Shore with Music, Sports, Food and Fun - May 20th at Middletown High School South 8 AM - 6 PM](#)
 - [Event Flyer](#)
 - **Save the Date! Kortney's Cash for a Cure will kick off on October 3, 2017**
 - Link to [Kortney's Challenge](#)
 - Link to [Informational brochure for challenge](#)
 - **Final Presidents Council Meeting for the year will be May 16 at Central Office at 6:30 PM.**
 - [Teachers as Artists and Performers at the Middletown Arts Center](#)
 - **PIC is now on twitter! @picchairk12**

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! THANK YOU

FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR!!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!