

November 13, 2018

PFA Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Fallon - Teacher Representative:

- When looking at the grades Note to parents your MP 1 does not include the quarterly assessment. Your end year grade does include your end grade. This is a little different from what it was last year.

Mr. Kirkpatrick - principal

- The new assistant principle Kevin Cullin will be delayed coming to South. In the interim Chuck Welsh will fill in. We are hoping to have Mr. Cullin in South by the end of Winter Break.
- Staffing changes – Mrs. Shih our math teacher went out earlier then anticipated on maternity leave. Her replacement is Maggie O'Connor. Mrs. Smith another math teacher will be heading out on maternity leave shortly. We are currently in the interview process for her replacement.
- He will be having a meeting about the school facilities budget and the needs that have to be met.
- The Ski and Snowboard Club has been approved and will be operating this year. There will be two ski trips at approximately \$100. This will include transportation, insurance and lift tickets. Each trip should be able to accommodate around 60-70 students. Mr Kirkpatrick jokingly suggested next up surf club. Many schools in our area do have surf clubs.
- There have been several complaints about traffic patterns. There are 1600 kids in the school with most of them being driven here. He will have a meeting with John McGuire to discuss possible remedies.
- The play is this week The Turning of Getrude Lodge Fall Play. Book your tix on [booktix.com](http://booktix.com)
- Granny's Attic is this Saturday all are encouraged to attend. This is not a South thing but a community tradition.
- Important dates that are coming; 11/20 Bon Fire 5 pm – 7 pm. . Letter of intents to go out this week as well. The Choir Concert 12/19 and Band Concert 12/11.

Tom Letson: Student Asst Coordinator - Parent Bullying Presentation

- Please see the presentation on our site
- Bullying is matter not taken lightly. As a matter of fact once the word "bullying" is

used a formal investigation has to be preformed according the state of NJ.

#### Claudia Healey- PFA President

- Teacher grants are being extended. They are being underutilized.
- Our Super 50/50 which will be drawn at the Thanksgiving game is just over \$4000
- Modells fundraiser is currently happening. Please pick up a coupon today or see our website.
- AR Workshop is back. We had a successful and fun evening. The next event will be held on 12/2.

#### Paige Benigno – Treasurer & PIC Meeting Representative

- Snack stand is completed for the year.
- Budget is on par with projected numbers.
- PIC meeting – Middletown will be hold an Autism Awareness Seminar on 11/15/18.

#### Michele Glynn – Membership

- 449 Families have joined the PFA to date.
- 77 Faculty members
- Its not too late to join, please grab a form on your way out if you haven't joined today.
- Senior can apply for scholarships however, you must be a member of the PFA to qualify.

#### College Panel Forum

- Parents with students at Brookdale, Stockton, New Haven, Pittsburgh, Manhattan College, Sacred Heart, Syracuse, Rowan, Minnesota & Penn State sat for open panel to discuss some
- You will need to narrow down what climate, size, urban, campus, etc...
- Parents suggested to check out all size colleges. Start locally this a good start to see what best fits your child's wants/needs.
- Don't worry if your child is undecided about their major. Some schools have an undecided major and your child will have the opportunity to find what it is they really want to do.
- Find out what colleges are within your financial means. Don't worry to about "keeping up with the Joneses" "and understand that this is a very personal and a familial based decision. The number of schools you apply to should be based on your student and family.

- If you have a younger sibling have them tag along for the college touring processes.
- While touring many parents agreed open houses were the best way to tour. Keep to the front of the line, you will get the best info and be able to bend your guides ear.
- Don't worry if your child has their heart set on a school and hates it once they tour it. Check out all virtual tours that are available. This can give you a good feel for the school.

Important Dates to Remember:

- 11/15/18 – 11/17/18 The Turning of Getrude Lodge Fall Play
- 11/20/18 – Bon Fire
- 11/21/18 – Early Dismissal
- 11/22/18 – 11/23/18 – Thanksgiving – School Closed
- 12/2/18 – AR Workshop Fundraiser
- 12/11/18 – Winter Band Concert
- 12/18/18 – Winter Choir Concert
- 12/21/18 – Early Dismissal
- 12/24/18-1/1/19 – Winter Break

Congratulations to our door prize winner!!!