

Middlebrook PTA Meeting
March 21, 2019

I. Call to order 9:07am. In attendance were Jen Acerra-Markey, Jackie Shaw, Hilary Morrissey, Annemarie Aronowitz, Laura Rowley Ginna Yerrall, Kim Hall, Vanessa Elias, Carolyn Lyon and Toby Kawulicz.

II. Approval of February 2019 Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved

III. Principal's Report: Toby Kawulicz spoke on behalf of Principal Feltz who was out. Toby thanked the PTA for the hospitality lunch the week before. Toby mentioned Judith Altman coming to speak to the students and the parents. She spoke about loving your family, hope, kindness and getting an education to the students. She mentioned the therapy dogs would be coming to Middlebrook.

Discussion was had about the absence of Dr. Longcoy and the communication to students and parents. Toby claimed she couldn't speak to his absence but she believed communication would be going out soon to parents.

IV. President's Report: PTA president Hillary M. spoke about needing volunteers for next years PTA executive board as well as other positions.

Hillary reported that a Cider Mill and Middlebrook Odyssey of the Mind group has done well and will be competing in Michigan in May. Possibility of the PTAs helping out with the cost.

IV. Officer Reports:

A. Treasurer - Jackie Shaw: Jackie reported on the financials. They have only changed a little. Team grants have been submitted and deposits for 8th grade year end events have been made. The OLC has funds left from last year and this year that need to be spent. Please submit all receipts to Jackie prior to year end so she can close the books.

B. Membership -- Laura Rowley. Laura Rowley reported that three more teachers joined the PTA. She also spoke to say we have earned 2,005.00 from Stop and Shop money. If having any mobile app issues please speak to Laura. It was brought to her attention that depending on your type of phone there may be issues.

C. Parent at Large -- Kim Hall gave her parent at large update. There have been two meetings. At the last meeting the superintendent approved the budget so it's now in the Board Of Educations' hands. 3/25 was the Board of Education meeting. Kim encouraged people to go attend the meeting at 730pm. So the vote will pass at the town meeting. Kim reported that the Alternative high School has been approved and passed the vote. She shared that for next year digital literacy was approved and will be part of the curriculum with advisory. Kim shared that over 25 percent of high school students are in some type of music program. On 3/1 at the regionalization hearing 12 students gave their testimonies and many people gave written ones. According to Kim Gail Laville is very much on top of this issues. Finally, Kim reported that the Free Play bill is moving along well.

D. 8th Grade Dinner Dance - Carolyn Lyon reported that the custodian fees at Middlebrook have gone up and they are working on this with Chris Berney for the dinner dance. Fees are up 20.00 an hour. Carolyn Lyon reported that the 8th grade dinner dance plans are going well. The date is 6/7 7-930pm. Ticket sales have gone up to 30 dollars. Entertainment is booked. Committees are all meeting working on their roles.

E. WYC: Vanessa Elias reported on news of the WYC. All information can be seen on their website. There was a talk by Alicia Farrel on Perfactionism. Tonya Leonard is working on the education of the vaping issues at MB. A possible campaign is being looked into. 4/6 is a Boke Rodeo from 10-12pm for all ages. Block party weekend is June 8 and 9. See WYC website.

VI. New Business: Career Awareness day is 4/3.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 9:54am.