

Middlebrook PTA meeting
September 19, 2019

Attendance:

Chandra Ring, Nithya Cherinsandi, Kim Hall, Amy Gettler, Michael Panoli, Laura Malone, Amanda Patania, Stacey Killeen, Lara Paschalids, Carolyn Lyon, Jen Markey, Donna Peterson, Loralee Hamilton, Dina Olmstead, Genvieve Eaton, Lisa Gibboney, Cristin Wallace, Ann Leinberger, Kara Berghaus, Nicola Davies, Rayna Wein, Kris Getty, Lauren Feltz

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:01am
2. Minutes of June 2019 meeting were approved
3. Nomination of Chandra Ring as President. A motion was made by Jen Markey to approve the nomination of Chandra Ring as President. The motion was seconded by Kim Hall. Motion was approved.
4. Teacher Report – Mike Panoli
 - a. 6th grade – starting off fantastic, building team spirit, Bronx Zoo trip 10/4, wear team shirts, carpool if able for pick-up; 6R- transdisciplinary, project including SS, Writing, math
 - b. 7th grade – everything is amazing, 7G starting charter work, introducing power of 1, 7R Be kind, Work Smart, Do Good, 7Y – small actions of helping others are being noticed
 - c. 8th grade – 8Y team building, watch Wizard of OZ (brain, heart, courage) NYC permission slips, 8R – Odyssey project-let kids on team learn about each other, Philly trip permission slips went out, 8G - Philly trip went out
5. Principal Report
 - a. 6th grade made a successful transition
 - b. 8th graders stepping up as leaders, WEB leaders, Principal Advisory committee made up from different groups to meet
 - c. MAP testing has wrapped up
 - d. SBA reports out to parents at the end of next week

- e. 3 successful Open House events, parent feedback is welcome
- f. Emergency plans are reviewed, fire drill already done and lockdown
- g. Restorative Practices, classroom circles - community building

6. President Report

- a. 8th grade opportunity – Pancake breakfast to be held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break if there are parent volunteers from each team, donation based. Please contact Chandra Ring at cring226@hotmail.com if you are interested in heading up this event for your child's team.
- b. Continuing to look for Fundraising chair and Secretary
- c. Join PTA using MobileArq app or website
- d. Messenger and email issues are ongoing, some email going to spam, see website for ways to fix, email Lauren Feltz if there is still an issue
- e. October meeting – 4 Board of Education candidates will be at the meeting on Oct 17th
- f. Play task force group – This group has worked with Miller Driscoll and Cider Mill to roll out some excellent programs and is working towards appropriate middle school level programs to roll out at Middlebrook, helping students learn to recharge.
- g. Revamping Gift and Grants process this year, contact Chandra if interested
- h. Stop & Shop money goes to the school for projects. Middlebrook is not currently doing Someday Wishes, which this program helped fund in the past, but is meeting other needs at the school.

7. Vice President Report

- a. 276 parents, 28 teachers – 304 total

8. Treasurer Report

- a. Conservative with fundraising budget (appeal) with decrease in families, Turnover Shop, Membership and photos
- b. Program expenses – budgets for events are set, reimbursement forms are on the PTA website
- c. Team grant emails went to teachers

9. Parent-at-Large Report – meetings from 6/25 and 9/12

- a. Special Education year end review and report. [https://go.boarddocs.com/ct/wilton/Board.nsf/files/BD5NRL60BC8C/\\$file/2018-2019%20End%20of%20Year%20Report%20PDF.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ct/wilton/Board.nsf/files/BD5NRL60BC8C/$file/2018-2019%20End%20of%20Year%20Report%20PDF.pdf)
- b. Facilities Update - Updates to Middlebrook:
 - i. Culinary Room - complete reno. Great write up in GMWilton
 - ii. Refresh rooms 105 and 117 (paint + furniture)
 - iii. Sheetrock Repairs in approximately twenty classrooms
 - iv. Painting Cafeteria and Canopy Area
 - v. Library Learning Commons - Furniture replacement
 - vi. Pump Room/Courtyard Shut-off valve installed and Relief drain installed
- c. Curriculum Development (9/12 meeting) - Revisions or developments for a range of new units across grades and subjects, in addition to new Probability and Statistics class. To learn more, see overview presentation titled *Summer Curriculum*. For specifics of who did what, see file *WPS Summer Curriculum Projects*.
- d. Policy and Regulations - The policy is the “what”, the Regulation is the “how”. Copies of the policies can be found on board docs agenda for meeting date.
 - i. Approved 6/20
 - ii. 6141 Curriculum Design, Modification and approval.
 - iii. Proposed 9/12, not yet approved
 - iv. Policy 6141.21 Religion in the Public Schools - Draft of policy and regulation reviewed at 9/12 meeting. This is a new policy and they encourage feedback.
 - v. Policy 6141.312 Migrant Students - proposed 9/12.
 - vi. Regulation 5145 - Students and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
 - vii. Policy 6123 Use of Certified Therapy Dogs
 - viii. 5141.21 Administration of medications by school personnel, adding naloxone administration guidelines/policy
- e. Zero waste update including action plan for 2019-2020, roles and responsibilities and consideration of reusable foodware (all available as attachments on board docs 9/12 Meeting Agenda)
- f. Lunch fund withdrawal (6/20 Meeting)- Request made and granted to come off of the National School Lunch program. Request made to eliminate waste and have the ability to offer other nutritional food and organic products not allowed on the program.
- g. Continuing Education End of Year Report (no deck shared, but can view meeting at boarddocs for 6/20 meeting). Dropped registration fees because they are no longer needed to pay web fees and helps make more competitive. Top programs are indoor/outdoor tennis, culinary, bridge, drones, and knitting.

- h. Administrative Retreat (9/12 Meeting): Reviewed and discussed. Board docs includes some decks from this event.

10. Fundraising

- a. Looking for someone to chair
- b. Asking for a one time donation – no selling of anything

11. Hospitality

- a. Oct 3rd – bus drivers breakfast
- b. Oct 11th for teachers and staff

12. 6th grade Activity night

- a. looking for parent volunteers
- b. “Rock the Neon” theme
- c. Raffle items are being requested – esp from town center stores
- d. Date to be confirmed

13. 7th grade Activity Night – Oct 25th

- a. sign-ups out for volunteers and student sign-up

14. WYC

- a. Supporting youth
- b. Parent education programs – MB PTA helping fund programs
- c. Nov – Resilient mindset program
- d. Youth to Youth club at MB – leadership and substance abuse prevention programs
- e. Free Play Task Force part of WYC
- f. Looking for a MB-WYC representative

15. SEPTA

- a. Renewal memberships are up
- b. First meeting
- c. Goal is to support all 4 PTAs with various grants and outreach to parents and building connections.
- d. Program – reducing stress
- e. Transition expo – what to expect after high school

- f. Fundraising - Sept 27th bake sale Village Market, bracelets available for sale at Local Sole

Adjourned at 10:06am