

South Middle School PTO

Date | time 10/18/2018 7:00 PM | Location South Middle School

President	Kerry Moschella	Attendees [Attendees] 7:00-8:00 pm
President	Lisa O'Connor	
Vice President	Effie Glozheni	
Secretary	Nicole Kirwan	
Treasurer	Cheryl Curtis	

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome	Lisa / Kerry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer's report	Cheryl & Kerry	5 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Council Advisor Intro and Update	Micaela Palermo and Steph Motta	10 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> SEPAC presentation	Suzanne Brouillard	10 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Principal's Updates Staff Wish List Brown Bag Appreciation 11/6 Winter Wonderland Dance 12/7	Principal Rainie	10 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Update 5013c	Lisa/Kerry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Snack Bar update Bake Sale – Gina Cappacioli Spirit Wear – Diana Fitzgerald Box Tops – Kathy Egasti Calendar	Kerry / Lisa	10 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> DC Trip Update	Kate Joyce	5 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Open to questions, comments, suggestions	Attendees	10 minutes

Other Information

Special notes Future Meeting Dates:

PTO Dates for 2018-2019:

- Tuesday 9/8
- Thursday 10/18
- Tuesday 11/3
- Thursday 1/8
- Tuesday 2/5
- Thursday 3/12
- Tuesday 4/9
- Thursday 5/16

Meeting Minutes:

Principal Notes:

- Lockdown Drill on 10/18 Email went out to parents – Successful
- 22nd – Mark from Bridgewater State anti-bullying presentation for 6th and 8th grade – 7th grade takes Health where topics are covered
- 24th ½ day – Technical schools come to give presentations to 8th graders
- Nov 1st – 8th grade field trip to Boston
- November 2nd – FoM – Festival of Motion – costumes encouraged
- Parent conferences 5-730 November 1st; afternoon session on 11/6 3-5:30, 11/7 evening session
- November 14th presentation at BHS 630 pm “Current Trends” from Caron Center focusing on drug use, smoking, drinking and other decisions kids may be facing. – Geared toward Parents
- Bus passes have been issued – contact Kathy Lydon with questions
- Now have 2 late buses to cover more areas of town – 3:15 is when afterschool program ends – open to all bus riders
- Google Read / Write extension for Google Chrome and Chromebooks browser can do speak to text or read to the students – If anyone has extra earbuds with a microphone built in and can donate to the school, that would be great.
- Google Calendar available with days of the cycle and other information
- Parent Teacher conference signups will roll out early next week.
- School pictures - a group of pictures did not get sent out due to a malfunction. Those families will receive packages and coupons for future use. Photo retake day is November 8th.

Cultural Arts Program update

- How it works: PTO pays for the program and a volunteer applies for a grant for ½ of the cost. The “half” is between \$600-\$1000 depending on the program. Museum of Science for 7th and 8th grade supporting Science; MythMasters 6th grade supports the social studies programs.
- MOS in before Thanksgiving and MythMasters is later in the year.
- School can expect a grant for roughly \$600. Still TBD is if last years reimbursement went directly to the school rather than the PTO. Also TBD is if the PTO needs to reimburse the school for last year. Coordinator is following up.
- We will be looking for a new coordinator next year.

PTO Treasurers report

- Snack bar made \$465 profit
- Stop and Shop made \$323

Student Council Advisors: Micaela Palmero and Steph Motta

- 25-30 kids attend 730 every other Thursday mornings
- Mission is to make this a student centered club
- Elections are next Thursday for positions President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary and Grade Representatives (endorsements are being submitted)
- Student Council is handing Spirit Wear over to PTO and volunteers

Spirit Wear – hoping to have orders out by November so products can be available by Christmas. Looking for vendors that allow of online ordering and in home shipping as possible options. Being coordinated by Diana Fitzgerald

SEPAC – no update; need to reschedule

501c3 - still in the process of looking for the EIN# to complete the process. We do not have one, so we need to apply for one. Need to go through the IRS for the number.

Other updates

- Staff / Teacher Wish list – Looking to start this at South. PTO will help promote the work Ms. Lyons will be doing to coordinate
- Brown Bag Appreciation – We will be creating treat bags for the teachers for teacher conferences. The idea is a “room service” form to order what they would like. Gifts will be delivered on 11/6. Also may be ordering pizzas for the staff.
- Winter Wonderland dance on 12/7 – A lot of planning still to be done. Partnering with Student council. We have a call into East to get some ideas and suggestions. Watch for more updates. We will be looking for volunteers. 6th will have their dance first in the day and then 7th and 8th later in the day.
- Bake Sale – Election day. Voting begins at 7am -8pm. Flyer is going out. Donation Drop off details will be in the flyer. A parent is running a baking event at her house to get the kids involved.
- Box Tops – Kathy Egasti and going to coordinate. Suggestion to place a box outside for dropping off. More to come.
- Prize Calendar – Geralyn Lannon is coordinating. Looking at February or April. Calendar will include sponsor money. Kids will win prizes throughout the month. Donations will be accepted for calendar prizes.
- DC trip update – Kate Joyce was not able to attend. They were hoping to sell candy bars the day of the bake sale.
- Our Treasurer, Cheryl Curtis, is stepping down. Thank you Cheryl for your years of service to South!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- There is an opening to serve as the School Advisor Board rep for south. Meetings are 3 times a year. Contact Principal Rainine.

Suggestion for online giving options via text or other options. More to come on this.