

PIC MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2019

1. Welcome - Margie Rafferty-Criscione

2. Update on the Kortney Rose Fundraiser - Mrs Kristen Gillette

The Kortney Rose Foundation is very grateful for the generous support from the Middletown School Community during Kortney's Cash for a Cure Fundraiser and the Go Gold Football Games. Our 17 schools raised a total of \$12,891 was raised during our fall service learning opportunity to fund pediatric brain tumor research, a 20% increase or \$2,578 more than last year.

The fundraising efforts by our Middletown schools will directly benefit the pediatric brain tumor research done through the collaborative 17-institution Children's Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium, operated out of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Our top three elementary classes were Miss Kelly Graham's first grade class / Mrs. Julie Racioppi's K-2 class at River Plaza Elementary School, Ms. Elise Connolly's kindergarten class at Nut Swamp Elementary School and Mrs. Aislinn Mullan's kindergarten class at New Monmouth Elementary School.

3. School Security - Dr. George, MaryEllen Walker

Dr. George addressed an issue at Bayshore that stemmed from a student's social media post. The Middletown Township Police Department and Bayshore administrators worked collaboratively to conduct a thorough investigation. The social media post caused the Police Department to be inundated with phone calls. The Police Department released a communication to the community indicating an investigation determined there was no credible threat to school security. Mr. Scarano sent a similar message to the school community. Dr. George thanked the Middletown Police and the Bayshore administrative team for their swift response and thorough investigation of this matter.

4. Updates to the District website - Chris Rotolo

The District website has been updated with new informational sections on the home page, including "In Our Schools" and "More Headlines & Happenings." Another new addition to the District website is the Parent Information Committee page, which includes the history and other background information about PIC, as well as meeting dates, agendas, minutes, and links to meeting videos. PIC's new Twitter feed has also been embedded on the page, as is the latest meeting video.

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5. **Update on Strategic Plan 2020-2025** - *Dr. George, BOE President Mrs. Rogers, BOE members Mr. Little and Mrs. Wright*

The Strategic Planning page on the district website has been updated to include forum 3 information which was held on December 11. The [agenda/script](#), [presentation](#) and video are available for the community.

6. **Development of School Calendar Process** - *Dr. George*
a. [Survey / Development of School Calendar Process](#)

7. **MTFOdL**

1. **MTFOdL – Next Parent Meeting**

- a. Tuesday December 17th, Middletown Public Library, 7:00PM-8:45PM
i. See FB page to share event

<https://www.facebook.com/mtfodl/>

- b. Paper Flier available for posting in buildings (Main Office/ CST room)

2. **Inclusion Awareness Campaign**

- a. See MTFOdL Facebook page to share articles/ stories

3. **“Intelligent Lives” Screening – January 14, 2019 (save the date/ venue TBD)**

- a. “Intelligent Lives” stars three pioneering young adults with intellectual disabilities who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college and the workforce.
- b. A Dan Habib film. See Trailer, <https://intelligentlives.org/trailer>
- c. Habib is a documentary film-maker known for “Including Samuel.”
- d. This event is open to all community members: parents, students, and educators.
- e. \$2.00 suggested donation

8. **Board of Education Update**

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9. **Old Business** - If you haven't sent in your 10.00 stipend, please do so soon.

10. New Business

- a. PIC on twitter <https://twitter.com/picchairk12>
- b. PIC on the district site <https://www.middletonk12.org/domain/2624>

11. Informational Items

12. Questions - *Dr. George*

I am providing information to further clarify about a question asked about the building level standardized assessment presentation:

A district presentation on the 2018-19 student standardized assessment results was shared with the community at the September 25th BOE mtg. You can access the presentation [here](#). This annual district-wide discussion serves to inform the Board of Education and community members about some aspects of student assessment data that the State collects and reports each year, e.g. the percentage of students districtwide who have met or exceeded expectations on assessments such as the NJSLA (formerly PARCC or NJASK).

As in the past, principals will lead a school-specific discussion on student standardized assessment data at a parent association meeting, typically during the Fall/Winter, once all 2018-19 school assessment and performance data is no longer embargoed by the NJ Department of Education. Districts have yet to be informed of the date when the embargo will be lifted.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, January 7 - Possible topics to discuss:

- Criteria for the gifted and talented program from school to school. Do the programs (specifically in elementary school) differ from one another?
- Giving PSAT's to 8th graders to place them in classes, and the cost involved with same