

MSPTO - Meeting Minutes – 9/27/2017 – Medway Middle School

Welcome/ Introductions – 16 attendees.

Mrs. Droeske – Thanked MSPTO with cards from teachers for revamping Middle School Lounge.

Volunteer Opportunities – Were displayed on the front table.

Ryan Sherman – director of wellness: Has been in Medway for 1+ year now. **Safe Routes to School** is a state agency through Mass Transportation whose aim is increase activity by encouraging kids to walking to and from school. Studies have shown an increase in stress/anxiety and overweight/obesity in school age children since 2008. Moderate to vigorous activity can help with both of these problems. MassDOT helped map out safe routes to school with drop off points. Walk to School event – October 4th. Goal is to create a “Walking Bus Route” to school. Education is included: i.e. bike safety, pedestrian safety.

High School Update – Dr. List –Picture day went smoothly. November 1st is the makeup day. October 18th is parent-teacher conferences. 5 minute blocks. Everyone is welcome to visit with their child’s teachers. PSAT – registration deadline is Friday. Boat Cruise is the Oct. 28th – Sr. Dress up day October 27th. Tri- M – Arts Honor Society Induction – October 3rd. Homecoming was changed up this year and will be early again next year. All of the teams were playing at home and the dance was very well attended – 450 kids. Ladd Patrick Fagerson was chosen for the Senior Parking Space. Carolynne Benedetto was elected to Medway High School Parent Council.

Middle School Update – Cari Purchase – This year’s focus is on Respect at the Middle School in hopes to support students. World of Difference program is being started at the Middle School. Goal is to get into 2 classrooms to teach about diversity. I-ready diagnostic tool is being used for grades 1-8 to gauge where students are right now as a tool for teachers to support their instruction. MCAS testing gives data that is a year old. Picture day went smoothly this week. Nature’s classroom went well. The students praised by Camp Cody. Parent-Teacher conferences are in November.

Thrive events – 10/11/2017 – Minding your mind – MHS Auditorium – for parents/community = Bring a friend who never comes to the events. “Ask Joani” – 11/1/2017 – at the Thayer House 7pm. Chris Herren – 12/11/2017 – grades 6-8. We will be bringing him in for the high school also. A grant was given to Thrive to be used for programming from the Mass State.

Middle School Update – Thursday 11/2/2017 – Soup Appreciation Lunch.

Snack Shack - Needs to get up and running. Starting date will be October.

High School Update – Planning calendar was put together with principal McCarron. Ski Club – November 20th – Soup Bar giving thanks for the high school. Michelle Marchionni is running the

Spring Teacher's Appreciation. May 7, 2017 is the tentative day. Student Groups will be allowed to sell items at the pop up shop 11/29/2017. STEM Saturday will include HS volunteers.

Ski Club – need to start advertising.

Alex Handy Foundation – has asked MSPTO if they want to take over the road race. The Medway Police Department would partner with the MSPTO. Funds would go to sponsor helmets, cross walks and safety.

Social Media - We are building membership on the websites. 500+ in MSPTO FB page, many on High School and Middle School FB pages. PayPal is up and running on the MSPTO website.

The Board of Selectman are accepting feedback on how to spend 3+ Million in Excelon funding.

Next Meeting – October 25th Medway High School