1/15/20 Teen Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Members present: Mrs. Anderson, Daphne (co-President), John (co-Secretary), and Shashank (newsletter editor), Cara (new co-secretary), Sean, and Elyse

Library Events/Activities

- **Cursive Writing for Tweens** – Four-week program on Thursdays; starts at 4 PM on 1/9/19
- **Harry Potter Interactive Movie** – 1/20/19 at 10 AM; for younger audience (7 and up) and volunteers will be needed

Ongoing Events

- **Creative Writing** - Mondays at 3:30 PM
- **Math Tutoring** - Mondays 6:30 to 8 PM and Tuesdays 3:30 to 5 PM
- **LEGO Activities** - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. More volunteers are needed
- **Reading Buddies** - Thursday afternoons at 3:30
- **Chess and Games** – Fridays at 3:30

New Library Program

- **Destress Event for Teens** – this event is planned for late April prior to Advance Placement exams. The event will be held in the community room and will include puppies, pet snakes, bath bomb crafts, and coloring pages. The TAB suggested that music and board games should also be included in the event.

Future Event Idea

- **Future Event Survey** – suggestions are needed for items to include.
- **Book Suggestion Box** – includes QR code on the side of the box and the completed box will be installed in March.
- **NEA Big Read Grant Program** - this event promotes literacy, learning about community through non-fiction reading, and broadens reading experience. The NEA decided that the book for Middletown would be *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick due to
Middletown’s proximity to the ocean. The TAB must come up with an event for the library that will have a theme related to the book. The program should start no earlier than September 2020. Ideas for the event will have to be submitted by the end of January. Some ideas include 3D design and animation.

**TAB Quarterly Newsletter**

- The TAB newsletter is postponed until March

**Summer Reading**

- The TAB decided that we would rate the summer reading challenge by the number of pages read by participants in the challenge.

**Display Set-Up**

- The TAB added new books to the Teen Room’s Teen Picks section.
- The TAB decided that there would be a monthly display organized by genre.

**Action Items**

- Submit and discuss ideas for NEA Big Read Grant Program with the theme of *In the Heart of the Sea*

**Next Meeting Date**

*Wednesday, 2/19/20 at 7 PM in Teen Room*