

## **PTG Meeting**

November 6, 2018 Meeting held in JHS Library @ 9:30 am

**In attendance:** Wendi DeSchutter, Genevieve Cimino, Nicole Boutis, Dianne Breitstone, Irena Dabakarov, Marie Strunk, Kristen Drakos, Diana Valentin Gileno, Dana Lynch, Ingrid Wright, Beth Packert, Stephanie DiNozzi, Amelia Brogan, Janene Keegan, Jennifer Keschner, Monica Stingi, Tami Schneider, Karen Reiter, Celeste Pezzano, Elina Thatcher, Lisa Smith, Tatiana Johnson, Edina Bobelian, Liz Squicciarini.

Dr. Bolen, Mr. Simon.

**BOE Board Members in attendance:** Ingrid Wright and Amy Brogan

**October 2, 2018 minutes reviewed and approved by:** Approved by Lisa Smith and seconded by Stefanie DiNozzi.

**Wendi DeSchutter: PTG President**

**President's Report:**

Due to time constraints, Wendi introduces Mr. Simon who will present first about our school report card.

**Announcements:**

**2017-18 CSH School Report Card:**

Mr. Simon begins by explaining how success and academic achievement is measured in our school. Factors considered are student academic performance grades, graduation rates, ELL proficiency, chronic absenteeism, and student growth. We are currently in the process of shifting to Next Gen Learning Standards. Up until we make the change, we will continue to use the Common Core. In 2018 (first year that tests were untimed and given over the course of 2 days), scores were as follows: NYS ELA 71% proficiency and 76% NYS Math Proficiency (grades 2-8). Compared to Nassau and Suffolk County, we see an increase in our ELA and Math scores. Graduation rate is 99% (85% Regents Diploma).

**Social Studies and English Results:**

Transitional Global Studies Test 97% proficient and 80% mastery.

US History and Government 98% proficient and 85% mastery.

Math and Science Results:

Algebra	99% Proficiency	73% Mastery
Geometry	99% Proficiency	46% Mastery
Algebra II	97% Proficiency	51% Mastery

Science:

Living Environment	99% proficiency	76% mastery
Earth Science	97% proficiency	78% mastery
Chemistry	95% proficiency	39% mastery
Physics	93% proficiency	33% mastery

World Language:

Spanish A	100% proficiency	87% mastery
Spanish B	100% proficiency	69% mastery
French A	100% proficiency	83% mastery
French B	100% proficiency	66% mastery

AP scores of students scoring 3 or higher on AP Exams:

71.3% (404 students took the exam)

For more detailed information, there is a video presentation on our school website. Mr. Simon urges all to refer to that video to learn more.

**Membership Update:**

Dianne states that membership is currently at 330. It's about 50% and we still encourage others to sign up if they haven't already done so or know someone that has not signed up.

**Veterans Day:**

Dana Lynch explains that Army, Navy and Marine vets will be coming to talk with our students in honor of Veterans Day. She urges people sign up to help. Sign-up sheets are available.

**Literary Luncheon-** April 10<sup>th</sup> @ Huntington Country Club

Monica has Save the Date fliers and encourages others to sign up to help. Invites go out end of February.

## **Jr. High Activities**

Halloween Dance 10/23

Irena states about 40 kids attended. Since there are 140 kids in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, this was a poor showing. She asks JHS parents speak with their kids to encourage them to come to JHS events. There will be a future event coming up (info will be forthcoming).

**Dec 12 Holiday Cookie Bake** – send in 3 dozen cookies with your kids. There will be a cart in the front lobby to collect them. Platters are made and distributed to all school staff.

## **Parent Group Announcements:**

**Arts Booster-** Order forms will go out tomorrow for kids who want to buy school spirit items, (magnets and draw string bags) utilizing a logo that students have designed. The goal is to get the order out by Thanksgiving weekend.

## **Guest Speakers:**

**Spanish Club-** not present

**French Club-** not present

## **CSH Library – Caitlin Sempovich**

Many opportunities are available for volunteer credit. Kindness platters, and Thankfulness goody bags are 2 events that will be coming up. Volunteer meetings are every Thursday @ 6:30 pm and students must first attend one of these meetings in order to volunteer. Volunteer work begins in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Jumpstart College Admission Program is approaching. Holiday Cookie bake (2 dozen cookies = 2 hours of credit). If student stays and helps assemble the platters, s/he will receive 1 extra hour of credit.

Apple Pie Making Program

Book Club discussion is Nov 8 @ 7pm –book is entitled “The Hate You Give” by Angie Thomas

**Principal Bolen:**

Discussion about how to acquire better attendance at JHS events. Suggestion made to change the word “dance” to “party.” Consideration of hosting Movie Night or Video Game Tournament (challenge is to find a non-violent video game). Also, consider trying to make an effort to try to get students to stay after school for the event rather than trying to have so many students come back to school at a later time (when they are tired from sports). Suggestion for Escape Room. We use “Break Out Box” which is an educational version of this and encourages students to work together and socialize. The goal is to raise school pride and draw students into being more involved in their school community. We realize our students take part in many activities (sports, music, theatre, clubs) and have busy schedules.

Dr. Bolen addresses question about which clubs are held in which rooms. He states that he will make certain this information is posted visibly to all.

Dr. Bolen speaks to community service credit – he explains that 20 hours a year are required (must be from 2 organizations or more). Internships are not included in this.

Dr. Bolen reminds all to not drop off on Pine Dr or Thicket – this will be strictly enforced by police and PD will be issuing tickets.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am. Next meeting is January 8, 2018.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Boutis, Secretary