

PTG Meeting

May 7, 2019 Meeting held in JHS Library @ 9:40 am
Last PTG meeting of the 2018-19 school year.

In attendance: Wendi DeSchutter, Dianne Breitstone, Genevieve Cimino, Lynette Simmons, Nicole Boutis, Tara Vaccaro, Sandra Reilly, Cristina Monterroso, Ingrid Wright, Beth Packert, Amy Brogan, Jennifer Leavy, Carol Kessler, Monica Stingi, Suzanne Adelhardt, Liz Squicciarini, Kim Como, Tara Kircks, Edina Bobelian, Dana Lynch, Irina Dabakarov, Jenean Ketterer.

BOE Board Members in attendance: Ingrid Wright and Amy Brogan

March 5, 2019 minutes reviewed and approved by: Approved by Edina Bobelian and seconded by Lynette Simmons.

Guest Speakers: School Clubs

Natural Helpers Club

- Mr. Homer explains that the students in this club are from different groups and try to encourage others who they feel would benefit from this club to come join.
- There are 2 Natural Helpers clubs (one with older students and another with younger students called The Junior Club)
- Issues addressed are depression, addiction, how to deal with grief, drug use, are just to name a few. Speakers come in to discuss these issues to those in the club so they are informed. One student explains that the purpose of the club is to reach out to befriend others who they feel are lonely or in need of a friend. If they see a student sitting alone, they'll reach out and join them. If they feel that a student is stressed or in need of an adult who can counsel them regarding a serious issue, they will refer the matter to Mr. Homer or a guidance counselor.
- Another student discusses how in order to be a part of this club, each student must attend a retreat which focuses on how to deal with serious issues such as alcoholism, drugs, addiction, etc. The retreat is 11-12 hours on a Saturday and students are encouraged to introduce themselves to those they don't know.

- Mr. Homer says there are 65-78 kids who are Natural Helpers (average 15-20 kids per grade). Every year they accept new students who would like to join the club.
- Two students (Annabel and Tyler) from the Junior Natural Helpers Club speak about how they got involved in this club and how it helped them navigate issues that relate to JHS. Their goal is to make the Junior High a friendlier place.

Ms. Waters Announcement:

- Unity Dance 6/17/19 (incoming 6th graders) is approaching as is the JHS graduation. Information regarding final exams is coming. Final exam schedule will go up on the website.

Wendi DeSchutter: PTG President

Announcement of the New PTG Board for 2019-2020:

President- Lynette Simmons

Committee Chair – Tara Vaccaro

Membership Chair- Dianne Brietstone

Treasurer – Genevieve Cimino

Communications – Irena Dabakarov

Mr. Fenter

Discusses the Budget Highlights. He discusses how grades 4,5,6, and 8 are being introduced to coding via the kidOYO program. Our CSH students' work is being checked by grad students at StonyBrook University. We expanded the use of state-of-the-art Promethean Boards, continued the Chromebook initiative for all students at the Jr/Sr High School level. We continue our partnership with CSH Laboratory, utilize the Canvas Learning System to enrich science experiences for our students, we support the arts with funds for programming including a partnership with the Huntington Arts Council and Lincoln Center Education.

Mr. Stucchio announces that Tuesday, 5/21/19 is the budget vote.

6 am-10 pm at the Jr/Sr High School. CSH has included in the proposed budget increases with respect to our security personnel, security vehicles and we will introduce the 1-button lock down system.

Proposition 2 – 700,000 of construction work. CSH is asking to take 500,000 from our security fund to perform a complete renovation of the Girls/Boys gym lockers

in the locker room. (This is money we already have saved in our savings account, it does not need to be raised).

2 candidates for the Board of Education:

Amy Brogan and Julie Starret

Literary Luncheon

The Luncheon was a huge success! Thank you to Monica and Claire for all their efforts. They will do it one more year but would very much like a third person to assist them and eventually take over the luncheon for the future. They are calling for volunteers to reach out to them and inquire about assisting them for the next Lit Lunch 2020.

Staff Luncheon

Since there were many staff members present, Dianne states that if anyone would like to volunteer to bring anything or has any questions, please email her directly.

Upcoming PTG sponsored Events:

Senior Awards -May 18

Coffee House Jam-May 31

Dr. Bolen's Announcements:

May 14, is the 8th grade DC Parent Trip info meeting.

May 17 is Junior Prom

Mon 5/20 – Thurs 5/23 is the 8th grade Washington DC Trip

Discussion on how long it takes for tests to come back and encourage teachers to review tests.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Boutis, Secretary

