

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2017 CPC MEETING

October Minutes approved by Jennifer Cahn and Sarah Trust

Central Parents Council Agenda November 2nd, 2017

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome, Call to Order – CPC Chair, *Nicole Prizzi*
3. Approval of Minutes for October 5, 2017 Meeting – CPC Secretary, *Colleen Haskell*
4. CPC Chair Report – CPC Chair, *Nicole Prizzi*
5. CPC Treasurer Report – CPC Treasurer, *Jill Seiman*
6. CPC Status and Resolution Report – CPC Vice Chair, *Sarah Trust*
7. School Reports:
 - Goosehill School (GPFA)
 - Lloyd Harbor School (LHSPTG)
 - West Side School (WSSPTG)
 - Jr./Sr. High School (CFA)
 - Arts Booster Club (ABC)
 - Cultural Arts Committee (CAC)
 - Families of the Community United with Schools (FOCUS)
 - Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)
 - Seahawks Booster Club (SBC)
8. Parent Issues/New Business
9. Next Meeting:
 - No December meeting
 - Thursday, January 4th, 2018 at 9:00am
10. Important Dates:
 - BOE Meeting: Tuesday, November 14th at 8:00pm
11. Meeting Adjournment – Nicole Prizzi

CPC CHAIR REPORT – November 2, 2017

Submitted by Nicole Prizzi

The coming months are a time for us to celebrate and be thankful. At the October Board of Education meeting parents celebrated their children as the board and district recognized the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program and Music Honors awardees. Later in October, another student, Thomas McGee was named one of the semi-finalists for the 2017 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology.

As a recap, the CPC board met with Mr. Fenter October and discussed the following topics:

- **Health & Wellness:**

- *Drugs & Alcohol Awareness:*

- In partnership with the FOCUS parent group, the district offered a presentation on the effects of drugs & alcohol on the brain to the 11th and 12th graders. Health teachers provided follow up in the classroom following the Dr. Dewey presentation and will have additional speakers through the year to support the topic.
- The district is continuing to review the curriculum and support materials available for all grades to ensure it is addressing current issues

- *Nutrition (recap from Nutrition meeting on 10/26 with Gerri Tiger):*

- Curriculum:

- Eating healthy: Topic is addressed by health curriculum
- The HS Health Teacher brings in a nutritionist speaker to discuss making healthy choices with students. Some coaches also address health eating habits with their athletes.
- The district is looking at another program “Health Smart” as a possible alternative to the Great Body Shop.

- School lunches:

- Elementary K-6 follows National School Lunch program guidelines. All snacks & meals provided at the school are held up against a formula/
- The district will consider adding additional snacks. The district belongs to a purchasing co-op that allows ordering in bulk at cost savings. School representatives to the district nutrition committee will follow up with Gerri tiger to review suggestions.
- A large number of snacks will be rotated at the schools, currently though specific snacks can not be omitted from offerings.
- Parents should take opportunity to speak with children about choices they make. In addition, items can be flagged in the system for individual student purchases [i.e. limit number of snacks, purchase of lunches] for the food clerk.
- Gluten free menu is available but require a Doctors and students will be limited only to food on the GF menu.

- **State Assessments:** Dr. Bellino is available for further review of the state assessments. In the next year we will discuss other formats to which the data can be presented to parents. For more information about the assessments and results across the state visit: <https://data.nysed.gov/>
- **Buses:** The CPC board discussed the contract process and ridership with the administration. James Stucchio provided a thorough review of the contract renewal and bid process and how the district maintains pricing. Regarding ridership, the district is considering reviewing the high school late busses timetable to determine if the times are meeting the needs of the students in after school activities.

***Important Reminder:** There is no CPC meeting in December, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4th 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Upcoming topics for CPC:

- **May:** Guidance report

Regards,
Nicole Prizzi

CENTRAL PARENT COUNCIL COLD SPRING HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT STATUS AND RESOLUTION REPORT - November 2, 2017

DISTRICT ITEMS 2017-2018 DISTRICT GOALS – ONGOING, adopted July 11, 2017 (see Board website for full goals handout)

Instructional Goal

- To examine and further develop our current K-12 curricula to ensure cohesive instruction aligned with Next Generation English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and the Social Studies C-3 Framework,
- To develop a K-12 research and writing continuum to ensure that all students are engaging in thoughtful and original research at all levels.
- To further enhance our Science Research program to provide interested students with the opportunity to engage in high level research and compete in national science competitions (Siemens, Regeneron, etc.)
- To examine our current Junior High School program to determine if the structure of the time and support for our early adolescent students represents an optimal design.

Technology

To implement Creative Learning Labs in all elementary schools to support student learning, collaboration, critical thinking and research.

To expand our emphasis on thoughtful use of technology, including the establishment of the position of, Executive Director of Instructional and Administrative Technology, to support student-centered learning, small group instruction, and inquiry-based research for students at all grade levels.

Professional Development

To provide continuous and comprehensive support and professional learning through the implementation of a four year Mentoring Program for teachers new to Cold Spring Harbor.

Health/Wellness/Safety

To maximize the impact of our social and emotional programs, as well as that of the efforts of our staff, including a newly added psychologist at the Junior High Level, to promote healthy and safe decisions in our students.

To implement the Too Good For Drugs in the Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP) in grades 8 and 9 as a means of addressing the issues of drug and alcohol use.

Facilities

To revisit and review the next steps to improve our facilities to address academic, physical education, and wellness programs as well as the areas of security and energy efficiency.

Finance

To continue to navigate the impact of the tax cap and recent developments in the changes to state aid formulas to ensure the financial health of the district in the long-term.

TEACHER ITEMS

None

PARENT ITEMS

Bullying

- Parents are concerned about school approaches to bullying. The district is training teachers and administration in Restorative Justice which is an “approach to discipline that focuses on repairing harm through inclusive processes that engage all stakeholders. Implemented well, restorative justice shifts the focus of discipline from punishment to learning and from the individual to the community.
- At the jr/sr high level, students are assigned to the “Citizenship Room” after school for an hour. The staff works with students to help them make good decision and engage in reflective exercises. Ending at 3:30, students will have to explain to their coaches why they were late for practice.

Class Sizes

- Parents expressed concern about the class sizes in first and second grade at Goosehill and Lloyd Harbor Schools.
- The class size guidelines announced two years ago by the Board of Ed were as follows:
 - K-1st 23 max
 - 2nd-3rd 25 max
 - 4th 26 max
 - 5th-6th 27 max
- The administration will continue to monitor these grades as well as all others, and make adjustments on a yearly basis as needed. These decisions are discussed at many levels with parents, teachers, principals and administration.

School Lunch and Snacks

- Parents expressed concern about the choices for school lunch in the elementary schools. Discussion of the main course and the options for snacks occurred on CSH Moms.
- Policy 5405 presents guidelines for student wellness and reads in part:
 - B. Snacks:
 - All packaged snacks and vending items provided by the district should be in single serving packages and meet the following criteria:
 - Total fat equal to or less than 7 grams of fat per serving
 - Saturated fat equal to or less than 2 grams per serving
 - Sodium equal to or less than 360 milligrams per serving
 - Sugar equal to or less than 15 grams per serving
 - Contain no trans fatty acids
 - To the maximum extent practicable, be free of preservatives or artificial colorings, including nitrates, MSG, dyes, high fructose corn syrup, and partially hydrogenated oils.
- There was a meeting on Thursday, October 26th of the Nutrition Committee. PTG representatives attended, as well as the CPC Chair.

OTHER DISTRICT ITEMS

Health

- FOCUS and the CFA hosted Dr. Stephen Dewey, a neuroscientist with the Feinstein Institute, for a discussion of the affect of drugs (from caffeine to heroin) not the brain. The 11th and 12th graders had an in school presentation and parents and other students attended at night.
- The district is exploring adding a “Too Good for Drugs” program. Too Good for Drugs is a 5-8 grade school-based program that gives students the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to make good decisions and avoid drug use.

- The high school will extend the Substance Abuse Prevention program to grades 11 and 12.

Facebook and Twitter

- Karen Spehler has set up a new CSH district Facebook page. This page is set up to alleviate concerns about members' privacy. There is no need to be friends with anyone to follow this page. For district updates, please like the page on Facebook.
- The CSH schools are now using Twitter. Please follow them at:
 - @CSHJrSrHS
 - @CSHGoosehill
 - @CSHLloydHarbor
 - @CSHWestSide
 - @CSHathletics

Buses

- Many buses are underutilized. People question whether the district should get a new bid for busing. Generally, bids result in a 20% increase in cost. Also, there is not a significant amount of competition in the school busing industry here because our companies have to be local in order to provide quality service. Instead, we extend our contracts which only increases the cost by the CPI.
- The district will look at ridership at the Jr. and Sr. High. Including late buses. The 4 o'clock late bus works for after school clubs, but many of the athletic practices end at 4:15 and those students then need to wait until 5 pm for the bus.

Science

- CSH Senior Thomas McGee was named a Siemens semi-finalist, a first for the district. There were 300 semi-finalists in the nation.
- There will be a Science Symposium for the science research program. The students will be sharing their work in May, parents will attend.

Assessments

- There have been several changes to assessments at a state level this year. The district will send out a letter outlining them. Some of the changes include that the tests have been shortened to two days instead of three. They are un-timed, the standards have been revised.
- Under ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), schools are required to have at least 95% of students taking the assessments. Last year, we had 20% opt out.
- Our schools are making adjustments to our own benchmark assessments, determining which tests are necessary in an effort to minimize testing.

Vaping

- Vaping was addressed on the first day of school in a direct way. This will serve as notification of the policy so that all students are aware of the policy. Violations will be discussed with parents first, another violation will result in punishment.
- Students have already received disciplinary action for vaping and offenders will continue to receive disciplinary action.

Curriculum Committee

- CPC and the Administration will work on a document to establish this committee for next year.

Ongoing:

Returning Tests

Science education in elementary school

Sport Facility

Tutoring
FLES
Science Education
Athletics Schedule
Next Gen Standards
Code of Conduct
Pride Survey

Previous topics: Athletics Scheduling, Busing, Class Sizes, CPC Accessibility, Drivers' Education, Downtime near holiday breaks, Drugs, Flood at HS, 7th Grade Honor Roll, 8th Grade Accelerated Math, Security, Teacher recruitment & retention, Test Scores, Rankings, Lead Testing

CPC MEMBER ORGANIZATION REPORTS- November 2017

GOOSEHILL

We have an exciting next few weeks at Goosehill. Yesterday was our Halloween parade, crafts and dance party.

On Monday 11/6 is our Parents Night Out At Honu. Please come support the school and all our activities. We have some amazing raffles. Tickets are available online or by sending in a check in your child's folder.

On 11/8 we'll be having a guest speaker at our GPFA meeting. Kim Gilroy is a Holistic Health and Wellness Coach and she will be providing our parents with ways to provide easy and healthy meals and snacks for our children.

Her website is www.kimgilroyinsideout.com

On 11/16, we have children's author Richard Torrey coming to read and sign books.

All the Goosehill families will be participating in our Thanksgiving drive for Helping Hands Mission in Huntington Station. We provide over 10 full meals and a few hundred dollars towards other things they might need.

WESTSIDE

We had a very successful West Side Win Fundraiser. Thank you, again, to the Parziale family, and Allison Monaco and Allison Standerwick for chairing this amazing event.

Last month, we had our first evening PTG meeting, which went very well. Our next evening PTG meeting will be in February 2018.

WSS PTG Budget was presented and approved at our last monthly PTG Meeting.

We had several successful school events in October, including the Book Fair and Tomato Sauce Day the week of 10/16, and the Halloween Dance this past Friday. Parents have signed up and starting to come to recess, and the new Spirit Wear line is off to a great start!

Our new play area has been enhanced to include a volleyball net and pickle ball.

Our next monthly PTG meeting will be Monday, November 13th, in the Creative Learning Lab.

LLOYD HARBOR

Our annual fundraiser, LH Unites was held on October 13th at Bill and Denise Burns' house. We had a fun night and gave away some wonderful raffle prizes. Attendance was up and we netted about \$25,000.

Thank you to all those that participated and a special thank you once again to the Burns family for generously opening their home to us!

Our fall festival was held on Halloween and was a great day for all the kids. Our parent volunteers were wonderful and we couldn't have done it without them. A special thank you to our wonderful chairs, Sarah Rostan, Alex Whelehan, and Chloe Henning.

November is a quiet month and we will be prepping for our Holiday Boutique held in December. Looking forward to the fun events ahead!

****Parents will have the opportunity to see the LHS Creative Learning Lab at the next PTG meeting, 11/9.**

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Winter sports begin this month for both the Junior and Senior High.

The Senior High play is this weekend. The Coffee House Jam is Friday, November 17.

Our Holiday Cookie Bake for the staff is on December 13. You will be receiving email reminders. Please bring in cookies, the staff really appreciates them.

Our next CFA meeting is next week - Tuesday, November 7 @ 9:30am. We do not have a meeting in December.

****Helena Grossman shared the exciting news about the solar panel program in Mr. Healy's class, including its use as a charging station. Also, Save the date for the CFA Literary Luncheon, 4/18/18. This year's book is the Lilac Girls.**

SEPTO

Completed:

On Tuesday, October 17th the district speech therapists and occupational therapist, Devon McDevitt, Rachel Schnurr, Maria Fritz-Rodriguez and Pam Lawson provided an overview on developmental milestones. The presentation highlighted skills children are expected to have at different ages and grade levels. The presentation also provided tips and strategies to enhance interactions and homework productivity.

UPCOMING:

- **Taste of the Town Event:** Invitations were sent out for the Taste of the Town event to current SEPTO members and past SEPTA membership. The event will be held on Friday, November 17th and will provide a tasting menu from various restaurants in Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington. Funds raised from the event will go towards things such as student awards, teacher appreciation, and teacher wish lists.
- **Wonder Poster Contest:**
 - SEPTO has worked with staff and principals at Llyod Harbor and Westside to bring Wonder to life. Students were asked to create posters that embody the themes of the book. In addition, some classrooms asked students to read the book OR for the younger grades the book was read aloud. Wonder is a fictional story of August Pullman, a 10-year-old with a

very different-looking face—the result of a chromosomal abnormality and an illness—and his journey homeschooling to the socialization of middle school. The book focuses on themes such as "being yourself" and "choosing kind".

- The SEPTO board reviewed posters developed for the schools Wonder Poster Content -- 4 winners were selected (2 from each school). Those 4 students along with raffle winners from the school will be invited to the SEPTO wonder movie screening held on Sunday, November 19th. ****Winners were B. Vitatgliano, C. Franz, & H. Julico**
- American Girl Toy Drive: SEPTO is holding an American Girl Toy Drive to benefit Yes She Can! an organization that collects American Girl dolls that are no longer played with and refurbishes them for resale. Yes She Can! works with young women with autism and related learning and social disabilities to assist with the doll intake, doll refurbishment, pricing, marketing, etc. teaching them valuable job skills to help them gain employment. The doll drive is taking place at the high school until Friday 11/3.
- Special Education Teacher Wish List Program: Applications will be sent out to the special education staff within the next couple of weeks. The wishlist program offers district special education staff an opportunity to request items that are not available for purchase items that can enhance the learning environment for all students, not just those receiving services. The SEPTO board is hoping to deliver wish list items prior to the winter break.

Other Calendar Dates for 2018 are:

- Monday, January 22nd – Reading Specialist*
- Tuesday, February 13th – Preparing for your IEP Meeting

FOCUS

In November FOCUS & the CFA cohosted a seminar on drug and alcohol awareness. We viewed both the afternoon session for students and the evening session for Parents and students as a success. The evening program had almost 100 people in attendance. We hope to keep this conversation going.

Next steps for FOCUS are to speak at each of the school's PTG meetings. At those meetings We will introduce ourselves to new parents, do a recap of our Nov program, and make a request for new volunteers.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

Lloyd Harbor 11/2 Petra Puppet's Reading Rampage - 3rd Grade

****EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Creative Learning Labs will be launched at PTG meetings this month. Annual appeal will be set out in the next 2 weeks, highlighting the milestone of impact at 5 schools, 5 years, \$500K. Also, save the date for the POP party, 3/16/18.

*****Denotes additional comments discussed at the meeting, not previously submitted***

PARENT ISSUES/NEW BUSINESS- NONE