



CSH PTG Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- Jennifer Cahn called the meeting to order and had Melissa Leopard ask for approval of the minutes from the November meeting.
- Jennifer Cahn makes a few announcements from Desiree Saunders who was unable to attend the meeting. She discusses the success of the Junior High Winter Dance and the December 15th holiday shopping event.
- Jennifer also mentions the PTG Holiday Cookie Bake which had over 2,300 desserts made and assembled by the parents.
- The High School Student Council will host a dance for the 9th and 10th graders either March 1st or March 8th.
- The Literacy Luncheon will take place on Thursday, March 21st with guest speaker, Brendan Slocon.
- The next board of Ed meeting is Tuesday, January 16 and the CPC meeting is Thursday, January 18th.
- Jennifer Cahn introduces several alumni from CSHHS class of 2023 with a presentation titled "What We Wish We Knew Before Our First Year of College".
- The alumni who were in attendance, were Annika Flink, Tyler Grey, Theodore Packert, Alexandra Pultz, and Drew Pultz.
- Jennifer conducted a Q & A with each student and gave them the opportunity to voice their opinion based on their personal experience.
- One alumni mentions that the schools value other things on the application other than just your test score and the importance of activities from high school to college.
- Another alumni discusses how the ACT and the SAT are different and every kid should explore each option to see where their strengths are. The SAT will start going digital this March.
- The extracurricular activities matter so much, and they are the basis for writing essays on the college applications. It is very important to make it relevant.
- Another alumni discusses the importance of researching the colleges and opportunities before you apply to each school. The parents role is very key in the process parents should be guiding rather than controlling.
- Every applicant should know the answer to "tell me about yourself," and be able to discuss their own personal strengths and weaknesses in the interviews.
- Mona Heicht discusses the process of college reps coming to the school and the importance of the students attending these if they are interested in a particular college. Students should research questions that they cannot find online. She mentioned the importance of going to college visits for the students when they are there, and emailing admissions to try to meet in person when they are visiting.
- Jill Gierasch asked the alumni what the teachers and administrators should be doing differently as they have had personal experience.

- The alumni includes the importance of emphasizing extracurricular activities, and to be given more guidance in regards to out of school experiences.
- The alumni concludes with a couple of important messages, including “It all works out in the end” and the importance of getting ahead of the game with essays etc.
- Parents that are present also voiced their questions and concerns to the alumni who in turn use their personal experiences to answer the parents.