

PTG Meeting

March 5, 2019 Meeting held in JHS Library @ 9:30 am

In attendance: Wendi DeSchutter, Genevieve Cimino, Lynette Simmons, Nicole Boutis, Tara Vaccaro, Irena Dabakarov, Tara Belfi, Colleen Haskell, Ingrid Wright, Beth Packert, August Reese, Amy Brogan, Janene Keegan, Kristin Drakos, Ali Wallace, Monica Stingi, Suzanne Adelhardt, Liz Squicciarini, Kim Como, Tara Kircks, Edina Bobelian.

BOE Board Members in attendance: Ingrid Wright and Amy Brogan

January 8, 2019 minutes reviewed and approved by: Approved by Tara Belfi and seconded by Lynette Simmons.

Wendi DeSchutter: PTG President Announcements

Nominating Committee: Colleen Haskell, Nicole Pultz, Lisa Smith, and Dana Lynch will comprise the Nomination Committee. Nomination Forms are available today and online. You may nominate yourself or someone else. All forms may be given to Nicole Boutis who will then give them to the Nominating Committee. The deadline is April 1, 2019. The Committee will slate the new Board. The new Board will be formally announced at our next PTG meeting and will be posted online as well. Any questions, please ask Nicole Boutis or reach out to the Nomination Committee.

People are needed to Chair are Literary Luncheon for next year (Marie and Claire will stay on but would like someone to work with them next year), JHS Committee (2 individuals are needed), a new committee – Community Service Committee - may be formed. If anyone is interested in Chairing such a committee, please inquire.

Literary Luncheon: April 10, 2019 11am – 2 pm

Monica announces that donations are needed for raffle baskets. All items are welcome and will be incorporated into another themed basket. Invites have been mailed out already. Please be sure to return if you are attending. March 29th the Lit Lunch Committee will be wrapping baskets. Please join to help.

International Night: will be tomorrow night 3/6/19 at 6PM. Please join us! Food from various countries will be served, dancing, costumes and other presentations. It is sure to be a great time!

Guest Speakers: School Clubs

Medical Professionals Club:

Kristine Vallante is the Advisor for this club— open to grades 7-12, for students who are interested in the medical profession. One student, Alex discusses their visit to Huntington First Aid Squad, Huntington Hospital. Another student, Teddy, discusses how having access to talk with doctors helps them decide what classes to take or what subjects to focus on. They have had a physician come in, medical students visit, Nurses, First Aid Providers all explain what their profession is like. Currently, there are about 30 students in the club.

Next meeting is Monday March 11th and all are welcome.

ARC - Animal Rescue Club:

Ms. Wilkens and Ms. Monck-Rowley began discussing the club. They have had vets come in to discuss how to examine a dog, determine medical issues in animals. Therapy dogs have also come to visit. Organizations such as Therapy Dog Associations, Vet Hospitals, Rescue Ranch of CSH, Huntington Little Shelter, and STAR Wildlife Rescue have all come to present to ARC. The club has run out of hours but will begin again next September.

FOCUS: Beth Packert explains how FOCUS is different from CPC and PTG. They have no input from school board. They go to club meetings to gather ideas. They have partnered with Sports Booster. They share fact-based information with parents, to strengthen the school/family bond. They are a very inclusive board and acknowledge that there are many different types of parenting. If interested, please come to the April 5, 2019 meeting at the CSH Library from 9:30-11:45 AM in the downstairs conference room.

Will host a presentation from Katie Schumacher – it is a parents-only discussion on March 27, 2019 from 7-9 pm. She is an online behavior expert, and discusses strategies on guiding our children through the ever-changing world of technology. Her book is entitled “Don’t Press Send.”

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. Next meeting is May 7, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Boutis, Secretary

