

# **Central Parent Council Minutes: May 6, 2021**

## **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **2. Welcome, Call to Order — CPC Chair, Cristina Monterroso**

Meeting called to order at 9:04 AM.

## **3. Approval of Minutes for April 8, 2021 Meeting — CPC Secretary, Jennifer Kornreich Cahn**

Lynette Simmons moved to approve the April minutes, and Randa Reford seconded the motion.

## **4. CPC Chair Report — CPC Chair, Cristina Monterroso**

## **5. CPC Status and Resolution Report — CPC Vice-Chair, Heather Morante Young**

## **6. CPC Treasurer Report — CPC Treasurer, Randa Reford**

## **7. School and Club Organizational Reports:**

Goosehill Parent Teacher Group (GHPTG)

Lloyd Harbor School Parent Teacher Group (LHSPTG)

West Side School Parent Teacher Group (WSSPTG)

CSH Junior/Senior High School Parent Teacher Group (CHSPTG)

Cultural Arts Committee (CAC)

Families of the Community United with Schools (FOCUS)

Arts Booster Club (ABC)

Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)

Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation

## **8. Presentation and Parent Questions (9:36 AM-end of meeting)**

Mr. Fenter extolled the contribution of community parents in supporting the district schools. At one point, he noted that CSH High School has once again been named one of the top high schools in the nation—a recognition publicized by *Newsday*.

Because an increased number of athletes were recently quarantined, the district paused its athletic program for a day. Coaches are reviewing with student athletes the protocols that are designed to minimize the risk of COVID spread at games and practices.

Parents wanted to know how recent changes in CDC guidelines would affect state and local health department guidelines, and more specifically, our schools. They had questions regarding the need for Plexiglass barriers and whether students could now test out of 10-day quarantines on day 7. Mr. Fenter said that for now, the plan in CSH was to leave the Plexiglass sneeze guards in place until the end of the year, but would be reconsidered before the fall semester. He added that the Plexiglass barriers, which serve as sneeze guards, are not limiting air flow since they are low-profile rather than high and wall-like. Ms. Campbell said that our role is to follow the Suffolk County Department of Health regarding quarantine length, as local statutes are legally binding, so it is still 10 days until further notice. Final exam and AP exam options for students absent from school due to quarantines were presented.

A parent inquired roughly how many faculty and staff have been vaccinated against COVID thus far. Ms. Campbell said that while the administration is not permitted by the state to ask about vaccination status, a majority of faculty and staff have proactively indicated that they have chosen to vaccinate. For vaccinated students who are 16 and older, CDC cards can be uploaded to [healthforms@csh.k12.ny.us](mailto:healthforms@csh.k12.ny.us) as documentation for determining exemption from quarantines.

A parent asked whether schools will mandate COVID vaccination for fall admittance as some universities are doing. Ms. Campbell indicated that the district follows DOH and state guidelines; to date there have been no local/state decisions to mandate the COVID vaccine.

One parent noted that she is aware of state initiatives regarding the implementation of DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) teaching into school curricula, and asked whether the district could provide information to the community via either email or the district website about how DEI will be taught at various grade levels. Mr. Fenter and Ms. Campbell indicated that the district has been doing foundational work regarding DEI implementation, with key administrators and staff/faculty attending multiple training sessions and workshops. The administration is examining which components of DEI are already in place, and which need to be supplemented or changed. The district will continue to do some preparation before rolling out changes and additions to the curriculum. It is foreseeable that the district will solicit some community involvement from parents and students in later stages of DEI planning.

## **9. Important Dates**

**Next BOE meetings (virtual):** Tuesday, May 11 and Tuesday, June 8 at 8 PM

**Final day of voter registration at the district office:** Wednesday, May 12 from 9 AM to 9 PM

**Annual budget vote and BOE election (at the high school):** Tuesday, May 18 6 AM-10 PM

**BOE Work Session (virtual):** Tuesday, June 22 at 7:30 PM

## **10. Meeting Adjournment — CPC Chair, Cristina Monterroso**

Jennifer Kornreich Cahn motioned to end the meeting, and Heather Morante Young seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.