

# CFA-PTG Minutes

February 6, 2018 Meeting held in JHS Library @ 9:30 am

**In attendance:** Wendi DeSchutter, Lynette Simmons, Nicole Boutis, Augusta Reese, Colleen Haskell, Kelly Weaver, Jennifer Capozzo, Michelle Rampi, Claire Costa, Marie Strunk, Lizabeth Squicciarino, Nicole Prizzi, Tara Belfi, Ingrid Wright, Monica Stingi, Ana Shammah, Tami Schneider, Suzi Berg, Beth Packert, Dana Lynch, Mr. Bolen, Mr. Fenter.

**BOE Board Members in attendance:** Ingrid Wright

**November 7, 2017 minutes reviewed and approved by:** Approved by Ana Shammah and seconded by Lynette Simmons.

**Wendi DeSchutter: CFA-PTG President**

**President's Report:**

- CFA-PTG will host a Soul Cycle event in March 2018 (date TBD) @ 9:45 am for 30 parents (first come first serve basis)
- Meeting tomorrow 2/7/18 at 11 am to discuss Lit Luncheon matters which will be held 4/18 @ the Huntington Country Club.
- Ms. Conlin and Ms. Pickering will be organizing a Mindfulness Seminar for parents. Will be parent signup and limited to about 15 parents. The event will be geared toward parents and teaching them strategies to “be present and be mindful.”
- Vaping Issue- CSH will be having seminar in Spring. Be on the look-out for that. The meeting will be advertised. Mr. Bolen to speak further about this important issue during this meeting.
- Youth Summit Day – was last month (1/17/18). It addressed issues such as discrimination, bullying, etc. Over 300 kids did not attend school that day. For the students that did attend, results of the climate survey they took will be discussed at a later PTG meeting.
- Our next meeting will be March 6, 2018

**Guest Speaker: Caitlin Sempowich, CSH Library**

- Discussed various programs and community service opportunities at the library. Some programs are: Teen Cookie Bake 2/26, cookies will be

donated to food pantry and student will receive 2 hours of community service credit; Big Brothers/Big Sisters (2 bags clothes kids get 2 hours service); Closet CleanOut is 2/24 and CSH library will be collecting gently used clothes to be donated to Big Brother/Big Sisters of America. Practice ACT/SAT test (with proctor) on 2/24 sponsored by Curvebreakers. Cookie bakes coming up (will be distributed at St. Pat's pantry).

- Thursday (3/15) at 7pm, hosting Lilac Girls Parent/Teen Book Discussion. Library will be handing out copies of the book free. 2 hours of community service credit for each student that attends.
- If your child has a craft/skill that s/he would like to share with others, they may be interested in the library program entitled Teens Teach- ie, arm knitting, lip balms, (kids teach a craft and will receive community service credit for doing so).

**Guest Speaker: Debbie Rimler, Tri-CYA ([www.tricya.org](http://www.tricya.org))**

- Tri-CYA (Tri Community & Youth Agency) serves Huntington and South Huntington area. Has 3 locations: Huntington (Drop in Room), South Huntington and CSH. Drop in room, and other 2 sites are fully functioning rooms – offering hw help for JHS and HS students. Students can volunteer to offer help or come to get help. Tri-CYA also welcomes students to come in and teach skills (chess, ballet, craft). Also open Sat from 12-5. They collect non-perishable foods, clothing and make all available to the community. Open 6 days a week. Program Schedule 2017-18 is available on their website.
- Room H1 – Maraid Kelly, someone always available to connect kids from HS to Tri-CYA to assist them in finding different avenues for community service.

**Guest Speaker: Nicole Prizzi and Beth Packert, FOCUS**

- Organization that focuses on discussing relevant issues in our community to raise awareness.
- March 23, 2018 meeting at the CSH Library to get ideas from parents about issues that they want to be discussed. FOCUS doesn't want to repeat topics but reach out to discuss new and relevant matters. All are encouraged to attend.
- Chris Herren of The Herren Project– will be speaking (video shown) Oct 10, 2018.

**Guest Speaker: Jim Bolen, Principal**

- Mr. Bolen shows us vaping devices. One pack is equivalent to a pack of cigarettes. While there's no tar, there is nicotine and various other substances that we still do not know of. New item is Nutravape which targets women. These are self-contained devices with no nicotine. Instead, they offer Nutravape to provide energy, diet, sleep. Repercussions for students caught selling it will be suspension and then disciplinary hearing to determine what further punishment is needed. If caught smoking it, it is automatic in-school suspension. He noted that school buses are considered school premises.
- With regards to social media, parents are encouraged to keep abreast of who our kids are following. Keep track of who they are with and what they are exposed to.
- [Bit.ly/CSHDailyAnnounce](https://bit.ly/CSHDailyAnnounce) – this will bring you to link with the daily announcements. It is now posted on our PTG website.

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Fenter, Superintendent**

- Reminded all that 95% of students must take the Assessments exams given in grade 3-8 in order for CSH JHS/HS to be NYS Reward School. Mr. Fenter stated that since we did not have 95% take the test, we did not achieve this status.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Boutis, Secretary