

Central Parent Council Minutes

Thursday, 09/12/2024

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order, Chair Report

CPC Chair, Erin Rechler

Meeting called to order at 9:07AM

3. Approval of Minutes from 05/14/24 CPC Meeting

CPC Secretary, Nicole Prizzi

Dori Obrien moved to approve the 5/14/24 minutes, and Erin Rechler seconded.

4. Status & Resolution Report

CPC Vice Chair, Cristen Blundell

5. Treasury Report

CPC Treasurer, Sarah Comneck

Sara gave report of current balance to date

6. Parent Group Updates

Each school organization gave an update on past and upcoming events. Cultural Arts, Arts Booster, FOCUS, SEPTO and CSH Ed Foundation provided an overview of who they are and what types of things they support within the district. Information on specific updates is found in the Organization Report for September.

- Goosehill Primary School (GHPTG)
- Lloyd Harbor School (LHSPTG)
- West Side School (WSSPTG)
- CSH Junior/Senior High School (CSHPTG)
- Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)
- Families of the Community United with Schools (FOCUS)
- Cultural Arts Committee (CAC)
- Arts Booster Club (ABC)
- CSH Educational Foundation
- Seahawks Booster (absent)

7. Special Topics

● Opening remarks:

- Mr. Monastero made a welcoming statement.
 - Discussed importance of communication and making sure parents feel comfortable reaching out to district staff.
 - Reviewed the Remembrance Bowl, potential homecoming activities, and goals the district wants to achieve with the Remembrance Bowl to honor veterans, police, and firefighters.
- Ms LaGatutta discussed the curriculum around the Remembrance Bowl so kids understand the why the event is important. The District received resources from Locust Valley that were used last year to support activities around the Remembrance Bowl. For example, teaching

music that was played around the time of the WWII. There will be assemblies leading up to the Remembrance Bowl event, with a short video, dignitaries, and members of Patton Foundation.

- **Introduction of new staff:**

- Mr. Monastero introduced new staff and each gave a quick overview of their roles.
 - New Music Chairperson, Mr. James Guarini
 - Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Dr. Candice Brodie
 - Director of Counseling, Ms. Jeannette Alomia
 - Executive Director of Instructional and Administrative Technology, Dr. Reanna Fulton (absent)

- **New Cell Phone Policy @ Jr/Sr HS:**

- Mr. Monastero discussed the implementation of the Yonder pouches at the Jr/Sr HS and discussed the overarching guidelines.
- The goal is to stop disruptions for students during the school day, support mental health and allowing students to be present.
- With the implementation the district is listening to feedback from parents and students. Once they roll out they will make any revisions that seem necessary to fit the needs of the district.
- Q/A:
 - Parent raised issue that at college level the students will be using the phones in a classroom and do we need to teach students smart use of technology it how they would transition from school to college. For example uses the phone to take the pictures of notes, use for reminders.
 - Mr. Montastero said there can be workarounds with using the students using Chromebooks for some of these functions.
 - Another parent raised that district needs to consider some of the older students (11th/12th grades) use their phones for pre-college activities.
 - Do we want to consider allowing seniors to have more freedoms with their device.
 - Discussion brought up about how we as parents set up the rules and boundaries of use of phones.
 - Also discussed security issues with kids not having access to their phones. Administration discussed current procedures in place and teachers will have their devices in Velcro pouches

- **Internet Safety Presentation**

- Officer Levy gave presentation on social media and gaming issues for teenagers (privacy, pranks, bullying, TikTok trends)
- He also discussed how easy it is for predators to access information about child and what measures parents can take to help protect child privacy. Including not posting pictures of activities that show location and where they go to school.
- Discussed privacy settings and how parents can help manage.
- Some parents raised issue with an app “share your schedule” that seemed to be school sanctioned (it was not), district said they will look into the issue.
- Action: District to notify Families that Saturn app is NOT a District sponsored program.

8. Parent Questions/New Business

- No parent issues or new business

9. Important Dates to Remember

- Next CPC meeting OCT 17

- Remembrance Bowl -- SEP 27
- Board of Education Meeting -- OCT 8
- SEPTO/FOCUS Joint Event -- OCT 10
- Back to School Nights:
 - SEP 12 (GH)
 - SEP 17 (LH/WSS)
 - SEP 19 (JR HS)
 - SEP 30 (UPK)
 - OCT 01 (SR HS)

10. Meeting Adjournment

- Dori OBrien and Jehn Cahn called for adjournment.
- Erin Rechler adjourned meeting at 11:20 AM.