

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2017 CPC MEETING

September Minutes approved by Tara Dircks and Tara Belfi

CPC Chairperson – October 5, 2017

Submitted by Nicole Prizzi

(Includes revision in the Teacher Feedback section)

With the first month of school under our belts hopefully everyone has settled into schedules and routines. At the Board of Education meeting in September the principals presented an update of the first few todays of school which will also be discussed at this month's CPC meeting. In addition, Dr. Bellino will give an update on our results from the state assessments.

Our district continues to forge forward in developing and enhancing the curriculum for our children with a strong focus on instructional leadership. We heard last meeting from the two new directors of STEM (Meridyth Hansen) and Humanities (Theresa Donohue) about how they are working with teachers in each of the schools to shape a curriculum. As the directors review our current curriculum they will look for opportunities to allow students to engage with the content, make inquiries and collaborate. To support these learning objectives, teachers and staff are also incorporating our new Creative Learning Labs into their curriculum - many thanks again to the CSH Education Foundation for their support in helping make the Labs possible.

As a recap, the CPC board met with Mr. Fenter late September and discussed the following topics:

- **Classroom size.** Based on the guidelines reviewed in the June 2017 CSH Board of Education meeting our current class size is within the guidelines. The district will continue to monitor to determine if additional support is needed for the larger class sizes. For example considering adding an additional teacher aide/assistant. Typically, the class day also allows for students to be broken up into smaller groups for collaborative work.
- **State assessments:** The district will be sending out letters to outline parents about tests this coming year. Results are in from 2016-2017 school year. Staff reviews results and determines if additional support is need not solely by results but also looking at individual and individual needs.
- **Teacher feedback:** It is important for parents to feel comfortable in providing teachers feedback. Feedback can help our teachers and administration understand potential opportunities for development – such as partnering seasoned teachers with other teachers as a mentor giving an opportunity for staff to work together.

Upcoming topics for CPC:

- **November:** Update on health curriculum & recap from FOCUS presentation with Dr. Dewey.
- **May:** Guidance report

Regards,
Nicole Prizzi

CENTRAL PARENT COUNCIL COLD SPRING HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT STATUS AND RESOLUTION REPORT - October 5, 2017

DISTRICT ITEMS 2017-2018 DISTRICT GOALS – ONGOING, adopted July 11, 2017 (see Board website for full goals handout)

Instructional Goal

- To examine and further develop our current K-12 curricula to ensure cohesive instruction aligned with Next Generation English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and the Social Studies C-3 Framework,
- To develop a K-12 research and writing continuum to ensure that all students are engaging in thoughtful and original research at all levels.
- To further enhance our Science Research program to provide interested students with the opportunity to engage in high level research and compete in national science competitions (Siemens, Regeneration, etc.)
- To examine our current Junior High School program to determine if the structure of the time and support for our early adolescent students represents an optimal design.

Technology

To implement Creative Learning Labs in all elementary schools to support student learning, collaboration, critical thinking and research.

To expand our emphasis on thoughtful use of technology, including the establishment of the position of, Executive Director of Instructional and Administrative Technology, to support student-centered learning, small group instruction, and inquiry-based research for students at all grade levels.

Professional Development

To provide continuous and comprehensive support and professional learning through the implementation of a four year Mentoring Program for teachers new to Cold Spring Harbor.

Health/Wellness/Safety

To maximize the impact of our social and emotional programs, as well as that of the efforts of our staff, including a newly added psychologist at the Junior High Level, to promote healthy and safe decisions in our students.

To implement the Too Good For Drugs in the Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP) in grades 8 and 9 as a means of addressing the issues of drug and alcohol use.

Facilities

To revisit and review the next steps to improve our facilities to address academic, physical education, and wellness programs as well as the areas of security and energy efficiency.

Finance

To continue to navigate the impact of the tax cap and recent developments in the changes to state aid formulas to ensure the financial health of the district in the long-term.

TEACHER ITEMS

None

PARENT ITEMS

Class Sizes

- Parents expressed concern about the class sizes in first and second grade at Goosehill and Lloyd Harbor Schools. The class size guidelines announced two years ago by the Board of Ed were as follows:
K-1st 23 max
2nd-3rd 25 max
4th 26 max
5th-6th 27 max

The administration will continue to monitor these grades as well as all others, and make adjustments on a yearly basis as needed. These decisions are discussed at many levels with parents, teachers, principals and administration.

School Lunch and Snacks

- Parents expressed concern about the choices for school lunch in the elementary schools. Discussion of the main course and the options for snacks occurred on CSH Moms.
- Policy 5405 presents guidelines for student wellness and reads in part:
B. Snacks:

All packaged snacks and vending items provided by the district should be in single serving packages and meet the following criteria:

Total fat equal to or less than 7 grams of fat per serving

Saturated fat equal to or less than 2 grams per serving
Sodium equal to or less than 360 milligrams per serving
Sugar equal to or less than 15 grams per serving
Contain no trans fatty acids

To the maximum extent practicable, be free of preservatives or artificial colorings, including nitrates, MSG, dyes, high fructose corn syrup, and partially hydrogenated oils.

Parents are concerned that this policy is not being followed.

- There will be a meeting of the Nutrition Committee in the next few weeks and this topic can be addressed there. A parent representative shall be appointed.

Student Performance and Tutoring

- Parents expressed concern that a large number of students are receiving tutoring in a variety of subjects due to lack of confidence in the ability of certain teachers.
- Mr. Fenter reiterated that parents need to address concerns with the teacher. If your child is not receiving the instruction they need, the teacher must be notified. If no progress is achieved, parents should reach out to the STEM and ELA directors, Meridyth Hansen and Theresa Donohue to alert them to the situation.

OTHER DISTRICT ITEMS

Facebook Page

- Karen Spehler has set up a new CSH district Facebook page. This page is set up to alleviate concerns about members' privacy. There is no need to be friends with anyone to follow this page.

Assessments

- There have been several changes to assessments at a state level this year. The district will send out a letter outlining them. Some of the changes include that the tests have been shortened to two days instead of three. They are un-timed, the standards have been revised.
- Under ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), schools are required to have at least 95% of students taking the assessments. Last year, we had 20% opt out.
- Our schools are making adjustments to our own benchmark assessments, determining which tests are necessary in an effort to minimize testing.

Code of Conduct

- Code of Conduct will now be three meetings instead of two, allowing for more age appropriate lessons in each of them. The meetings are divided by Jr. High, JV and Varsity.
- Parents felt that the Code of Conduct meetings went better this year as there was more of an emphasis on "Conduct" and expectations for how our student-athletes behave.
- Athletes and their parents were informed that there would be no tolerance for rule-breaking, particularly with regard to drugs, alcohol and cigarettes/vaping.

Pride Survey

- The district will conduct a Pride Survey which will include questions about bullying, level of comfort while at school, whether there is an adult the student is able to go to when issues arise. The survey also addresses issues of alcohol and substance abuse.

Vaping

- Vaping was addressed on the first day of school in a direct way. This will serve as notification of the policy so that all students are aware of the policy. Violations will be discussed with parents first, another violation will result in punishment.
- Students have already received disciplinary action for vaping and offenders will continue to receive disciplinary action.

Curriculum Committee

- CPC and the Administration will work on a document to establish this committee for next year.

Ongoing:

Returning Tests

Science education in elementary school

Sport Facility

Tutoring

FLES

Science Education

Athletics Schedule

Next Gen Standards

Previous topics: Athletics Scheduling, Busing, Class Sizes, CPC Accessibility, Drivers' Education, Downtime near holiday breaks, Drugs, Flood at HS, 7th Grade Honor Roll, 8th Grade Accelerated Math, Security, Teacher recruitment & retention, Test Scores, Rankings, Lead Testing

CPC MEMBER ORGANIZATION REPORTS- October 2017

GOOSEHILL

September was a great success with the Welcome Back Picnic full of families bouncing and dancing. The following week we held The Welcome Tea which was well attended; many appreciated the teachers coming by to say hello, as well as meeting Mr. Fenter and Mr. Stuchio.

We're looking forward to a fun couple of months ahead. The end of this month the students will decorate pumpkins and march in the much anticipated Halloween parade. Following in November we have our annual Parents Night Out fundraiser on November 6th at Honu in Huntington. This is our largest fundraiser and is well on its way in terms of planning. To finish out November we are partnering up again with Helping Hands Rescue Mission and their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The students will decorate donation boxes and donate items for the mission.

WESTSIDE

- Our biggest fundraiser, the West Side Win cocktail party, will be held on October 13th at the Parziale residence.
- Our new outdoor play space has been completed and the children have already started to enjoy playing on it.
- The Creative Learning Lab is almost finished and we're looking forward to seeing it.
- We've launched a new Spirit Wear line, including apparel and other items.
- We're getting ready for Tomato Sauce Day on 10/16, the Book Fair on 10/17- 10/18, and the Halloween Dance on 10/27.

LLOYD HARBOR

We had a great start to the 2017-2018 school year! Our events in September were a great success thanks to the efforts of our wonderful parents! These events included 2nd Grade Welcome (Chaired by Fran McGraw & Bessi Mavronicholas), Welcome Back Tea hosted by the PTG, Back to School Night, Photo Day (Chaired by Lisa Lesser & Jennifer Cahn) and the Staff Welcome Breakfast (Chaired by Jill Einhorn).

October is a busy month for us. Our annual fundraiser Lloyd Harbor Unites is on October 13th and is being hosted by the Burns Family. We have some wonderful raffle prizes and are excited for the event. We also have our Fall Festival on October 31st. The kids love this event and we know it will be a fun time for everyone! We are excited for what is sure to be a great month ahead!

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Our Cocktail Party on Sept. 15 was a big success. And we hope to plan more social activities for the parents this year.

This week is Homecoming Week/Spirit Week, culminating with the Football Game on Friday night at 6:00pm

We have our first Jr High Dance on October 27 (Halloween themed) at the school.

Our big event for October is Dr. Dewey on October 19. The CFA and FOCUS are co-sponsoring this speaker, who will speak on the physical and developmental effects of various drugs on teenagers. He will speak with Juniors and Seniors during the day, and have a presentation for parents at night.

Our next CFA meeting is November 7 at 9:30am.

SEPTO

Completed:

- Delivered Welcome Baskets to each school with supplies and special treats for special education staff
- On Tuesday 9/26 SEPTO held our first meeting, which include meet and greet of district staff. Following the meet and greet, Denise Campbell and Erin Goldthwaite provided an overview of Special Education including the definition of the special education process. Denise and Erin also identified that some staff will also now be referred to as "Learning Specialists" depending on their role.
- SEPTO attended each back to school night and provided information about membership to families in the community

Ongoing

- Lloyd Harbor Homework Club enrollment is currently underway, first session starts October 17th
- Creating a Parent Handbook with information about the Special Education process for parents and families in the community
- SEPTO is working with HS student to develop and design logo
- SEPTO is working with Westside and Lloyd Harbor principals for a poster content to promote the Wonder event. Student winner will receive free tickets to Wonder screening with SEPTO.
- Looking into idea of having a spring book club
- Looking to do an American Girl toy drive, going to a facility that employs special needs children to rehabilitate and resell American Girl dolls.

Upcoming events:

- SEPTO will be a charity partner for the **Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns**. By using the code www.therise.org/32855, you can support SEPTO and depending on the day and time you choose, you can save up to 50% of your order. The code is good for The Rise at Old Westbury Gardens and the new NYC location on Governor's Island. Any questions please email cshsepto@gmail.com
- Other Calendar Dates for 2017-2018 are:
 - Tuesday, September 26th – Meet & Greet with Special Education Staff
 - Tuesday, October 17th – Developmental Milestones & Your Child
 - Friday, November 17th – Taste of the Town, 7pm
 - Sunday, November 19th – SEPTO Private Movie Screening, Wonder, 10 AM
 - Monday, January 22nd – Reading Specialist*
 - Tuesday, February 13th – Preparing for your IEP Meeting

FOCUS

On October 19th at 7pm in the CSH PAC FOCUS and the Cold Spring Harbor CFA will host Dr. Stephen Dewey, a neuroscientist at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research at Northwell Health. Parents and

students will find out how alcohol and drugs, from caffeine to heroin, affect the developing brain, offering parents an opportunity to gain the knowledge and confidence to guide their children in a substance abuse conversation. A community discussion will follow. This is a “Must Hear” discussion for all parents and students.

HS students (11th /12th grades) will have an assembly with Dr Dewey during school hours.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

Goosehill- 10/19 Forcefield for Kindness

Lloyd Harbor 10/11 The History of Long Island - 4th Grade
10/19 Agostino Art's Story Faces - 5th Grade
11/2 Petra Puppet's Reading Rampage - 3rd Grade

West Side 4th Grade experienced Journeys into Native American Territory
(9/29)

Jr./Sr. High School 7th Grade experienced Journeys into Native American Territory
on (9/26 & 9/27)

SPEAKERS

Mrs. Herschlein

- Busy and great start the the school year with Welcome Back Teas, Photo Day, Welcome Picnic.
- Recent Recess assembly teaching the children how to play games-including utilizing the 1st graders to help the Kindergarten students
- GPFA- The board is off to a great start and has organized a team of support services to present at the next meeting
- Once again this year the focus is on Respecting Diversity-theme of Kindness.

Mr. Simon

- Great start with school council president ringing the bell to start the school year.
- Brought along an artifact from Eva’s classroom when they started construction on the Creative Learning Labs.
- Great new outdoor playspace
- Harvey Relief Collection
- 6th grader hero project off to a great start

Mrs. Massimo

- Doors opened to approximately 400 students
- 3 new teacher aids, 2 new music teachers.
- LHTV-have added an additional green screen
- Weekly words of Wisdom, “Respecting Diversity”
- Student Council started with a hurricane fundraiser through Red Cross and is not being led by 2 new faculty, Mrs. Sewell and Mrs. Lapollo
- KAP superhero is once again awarding kindness around school

Mr. Bolen

- Great start with orientations, Caumsett Trips, orientations and assemblies
- Will be launching the canvas app shortly
- 1:1 initiative is moving forward with the addition of 7th and 9th grade.
- 945 students

Mr. Bongino (addition to the agenda)

- Successful fall season for all as all of the varsity teams have advanced to the playoffs
- 738 students signed the code of conduct letters (79% of the students)

-Winter 1 (Jr. High Sports) begins November 6th

Dr. Bellino

- Shared slides summarizing the school report cards
- Lots of questions regarding trends
- Much more information/slides available on the portal

NEW BUSINESS/PARENT ISSUES

1) Food Policy-a nutrition committee is forming with a parent rep from each school. First meeting will be October 26th with Gerri Tiger. Many of the things that are being served are included in the federal policy mandates.

2)Class Size- Many GH and 2nd grade parents shared their concerns about class size. There are 2 sections in 2nd grade that have 24 students. The guidelines state 25 students are needed to add a new section. The Board of Ed spoke to the year that they added a new section and stated they are watching the situation but would not break out a new section during the school year. Perhaps would add an aid if the class size continues to grow.