

Central Parent Council Minutes

Thursday, 10/17/2024

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Call to Order, Chair Report**

CPC Vice Chair, Cristen Blundell on behalf of Chair.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 AM

3. **Approval of Minutes from 09/12/24 CPC Meeting**

CPC Secretary, Nicole Prizzi

Dori Obrien moved to approve the 9/13/24 minutes, and Elisa Rossi seconded.

4. **Status & Resolution Report**

CPC Vice Chair, Cristen Blundell

5. **Treasury Report**

6. CPC Secretary, Nicole Prizzi on behalf of Treasurer.

Nicole gave report of current balance to date, \$11,288.44. Expenses in September were for BOE appreciation and insurance expenses.

7. **Parent Group Updates**

Each school organization gave an update on past and upcoming events.

- 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)

8. **Special Topics**

• **Digital Safety Presentation from SEPTO / FOCUS:**

- Mr. Monastero had additional comments discussion other measures district has in place regarding digital safety:
- District had Officer Levy speak with 7th grade.
- They are working on getting speaker for WSS students.
- Up at the HS there have been changes in student interactions and students reading.

• **Parent Square:**

- Did official data launch/integration.
- Will get out to teachers in November and will plan to roll out to parents in December.
- Allows for two way communication (i.e. communicate with teachers, if student absent allow for reporting absence). Can also add late bus and volunteer sign ups.
- Hopefully will transition for coaches to using it as well.

- Parents will have option to join the app but will have the communications available.
- UPK will be included as well
- Allows teachers to post things to entire classes (i.e. review session) because it groups classes and grades as well.
- **Regionalization:**
 - District will send out material to community in next few days regarding the regionalization.
 - Districts were required to fill out survey about the district (i.e. student performance, classrooms, information about the district).
 - The goal of data collection was intended to build a 10-year plan but the information has been provided over the years to the State so unclear what goals of survey has been.
 - There was discussion about the possibility of sharing resources across with other districts.
 - Discussion around how does regionalization and survey impact state funding/
 - Western Suffolk BOCES was in presentation as possibly added to the chain of command over BOE and Superintendent.
 - The district is working to understand the presentation and plan.
- **Assessment Data Presentation by Ms. LaGattuta:**
 - Using data to see if there are trends for certain classes and sets of students.
 - Grades 3-8, typically our results surpass NYS overall scores.
 - Look at score changes and evaluate could it have been the test, the cohort.
 - 2023-2024 was the first time the test was administered as Computer Based Test (CBT) for grades 5, 6, 8.
 - As of 2026 schools will be required for CBT for administration for all grades/test.
 - Use progress monitoring tools such as STAR Assessment to monitor and track cohorts of students and determine if it was a gap in knowledge or understanding.
 - If there are concerns about the test (need to evaluate is it the level of rigor in the exam that impacts the exam results). The district looks at standards and aligns to them.
 - Currently working on literacy across all disciplines because there is reading and reading comprehension across other topics (i.e. Science, Math).
 - There are tools of computer based testing (i.e. can eliminate choices, can highlight) that students can use.
 - Give the STAR assessment is an universal screener 3x a year so the administrator can look at data for ELA and Math by grade to determine (classes, curriculum, standards) are aligned properly.
 - BARS - Boces Assessment Reporting system that teachers can look at their results to see how they did across schools in district and region.
 - Literacy training has been ongoing based on new Science of Reading requirements through NY state to give teachers support.
 - Working on small group instruction
 - What are our literacy goals
 - Allowing for more 1:1 conferences with students and assessment of students to determine where there are obstacles.
 - Supporting teachers instructional practices.
 - Currently FLES has been communication as being removed for Grades 2,3,5 because of the changes in Literacy practice changes.

- Working to get teachers to attend or host AP Collegic Circles for teachers to meet and learn from each other.
- Our district is self-select or open enrollment where students can challenge if they want to take a harder course and enroll.

9. Parent Questions/New Business

- No parent issues or new business

10. Important Dates to Remember

- Sr High Drama Production – OCT 24 through OCT 27
- Parent Teacher Conferences – NOV 1, NOV 6
- Next CPC meeting – NOV 14
- Board of Education Meeting – NOV 12
- WSS Musical – NOV 15, NOV 16

11. Meeting Adjournment

- Cristen Blundell and Nicole Prizzi called for adjournment.
- Cristen Blundell adjourned meeting at 11:05 AM.