

## **Central Parent Council Minutes**

**Thursday, 4/10/2025**

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Chair, Erin Rechler

Motion called to start meeting by Dori O'Brien. Meeting called to order at 9:08 AM. Still need SIT applications. Positions for 2025-26 CPC positions - WSS (chair), LHS (vice chair), CSH (secretary), and GH (treasurer).

### **3. Approval of Minutes from 3/13/25 CPC Meeting**

CPC Secretary, Nicole Prizzi

Dana Casino moved to approve the 3/13/25 minutes, and Jen Cahn seconded.

### **4. Status & Resolution Report**

CPC Vice Chair, Cristen Blundell

### **5. Treasury Report**

Treasurer, Sarah Comneck

- \$2028.84 is the current balance.

### **6. Parent Group Updates**

- Each school organization gave an update on past and upcoming events.
  - Goosehill Primary School (GHPTG)
  - 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)
  - Seahawks Booster

### **7. Special Topics;**

- Mr Montastero gave an update:
  - Overview of district activities. Discussed how the CSH programs are enhancing the curriculum and differentiated from what many other districts are doing. We are an active district that offers a lot extracurricular programs.
  - Trip to Normandy (extension of the Remembrance Bowl): 13 CSH students are going to Normandy. Students were informed last week and will review the itinerary. The CSH Ed Foundation is donating flags for seniors. Three staff members are attending with the students.
  - Computer Based Testing: there were a lot of issues with NY state system with the programs working properly. The issue was with the state system and not district. CSH will be doing testing starting 4/29.
  - Teacher Contract: District communicated letter out to community. Can not discuss specifics because of the negotiation process. Historically, in 2015 (8-year contract was signed) then 2020 (4 year contract was a COVID roll over which many districts did). Staff cannot strike as its against NY State Law. Next step if the mediator does not work (allowed 3 sessions) then next steps would be fact finding step.

- Traffic Light: Poles are at manufactured, once the poles are delivered two weeks from that date they will be installed, blink for 2-3 weeks based on DOT regulation and then go into use. Hope it will be working by June. Smart light will manage traffic based on volume.
- Math Piolet:
  - Ms. Lagatutta responded to questions regarding Goosehill Math piolet program. Mr. Taylor surveyed STEM directors and assistant superintendents for curriculum. Looked at other districts' performance and their programs against our programs. The district looked at Go Math but was very similar to the current program they are used in older grades, Envision. They programs are in support. Looking to building classrooms. There is a shift in instruction. Looking at staff feedback, committee.
  - Currently using Eurika Math (K-1) and Envisions Math (2-6). The transition in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade seemed to be the biggest jump (ipads to chromebooks, changing schools). They were looking to find a consistent math program the close the gap of transition. Pioleting Eurkia Math latest program in GH and in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom, parallel to Envisions math in another 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom.
  - Choose Illustrative Math based on "building thinking classrooms" mindset to put the students at the center of instruction and guiding the students to work through program. They are doing it K-12. Would like feedback from parents whose children are in the piolet classroom.
  - All programs will need to be adapted for CSH regardless.
  - Would be great to have a ZOOM or presentation, possibly have a "Curriculum Coffee Chat" to learn more about current programs.
- CSH Education Foundation presentation:
  - Rebranded and relaunched website
  - Discussed previous grants – some examples were Creative Learning Labs, Transforming the Classroom Grant (flex furniture). The district for many of the grants has committed to sustaining the programs. The Foundation helps to expediate the rollout the programs to enhance the experience and education for students.
  - Work with trying to start initiative in growing and developing students at early ages, for example the Elementary Robotics Program and Kidyo grants.
  - Youth Ambassador Program
  - The Ed Foundation helps with sponsoring district wide programs such as STEAMANITIES.
  - Working with having more official cycles to stay on track with district needs
  - Question asked by PTG person, is there an opportunity for Junior Ambassador program?
  - Funding comes form private donations. Decided to not fundraise 2025, will be doing smaller efforts directly to the community and communicate with the Foundation initiatives.

## **8. Parent Questions/New Business - None**

## **9. Important Dates to Remember**

- Deadline for BOE candidate applications is: April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- Meet the Candidates Night: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## **10. Meeting Adjournment**

- Nicole Prizzi and Mandy Dahl called for adjournment. Erin adjourned the meeting at 10:54 AM.