

Central Parent Council Minutes

Thursday, 02/15/2024

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order, Chair Report

— CPC Chair, Tara Belfi

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am

3. Approval of Minutes from 11/16/2023 CPC Meeting

— CPC Secretary, Joann Kuncewitch

Erin Rechler mcd to approve the November 2023 minutes, and Monica Wells seconded.

4. Status and Resolution Report-CPC Vice Chairperson, Lauren Heinz

4. Treasury Report — CPC Treasurer, Erin Rechler

5. School and Organization Reports:

Goosehill Primary School (GHPTG)

Lloyd Harbor School (LHSPTG)

West Side School (WSSPTG)

CSH Junior/Senior High School (CSHPTG)

CSH Special Education PTO (SEPTO)

Arts Booster Club (ABC)

Cultural Arts Committee (CAC)

Families of the Community United with Schools (FOCUS)

Seahawks Booster

CSH Educational Foundation

6. District Updates — Jill Gierasch, Superintendent; Genevieve LaGattuta, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Earlier this month, the High School production of Gypsy took place and was huge hit. Ms. Gierasch emphasized that it was great to see the inclusivity of everyone involved in the production and there were students who were getting involved that hadn't been involved before.

Regarding the most recent updates in security with Covert Investigations, several locks have been changed district wide and there are plans to utilize swipe access for certain entryways in the future.

Tonight is STEAManities night. Over 90 students in the secondary school have volunteered to guide our elementary students in the interactive stations for this event.

CSH Unites *Sports Night*, our district-wide fundraising event, is March 7th and the faculty is really enjoying the competitiveness. Proceeds will go towards Corey's Promise.

7. Presentations: Overview of Food Service Program-Christine Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Business

Ms. Costa began by saying that we have a 40% - 60% participation rate in our school lunch program.

Our district uses two different lunch programs. Our secondary school provides various options such as the panini station, deli sandwiches, pizza, hot wraps, salads, and more. Our elementary schools use the national school lunch program.

An elementary school lunch includes a drink, an entrée choice, vegetables, and a side. Our food services staff are good about giving the students seconds, if they need, and don't charge extra.

A parent asked if ordering food can be put on hold if the student has a negative balance. Ms. Costa explained that there is a section in the ordering page where you can type instructions such as, "order meals only", or "snacks only twice a week". Special instructions may be discussed by contacting our Food Services Director.

Ms. Gierasch added that our Food Services Director, Gerri Tiger, can meet with a committee of interested parents who would like to participate in choosing menu options for our students.

8. Parent Questions/New Business

A parent expressed concern regarding the cost of the upcoming 8th grade Washington D.C. trip, which is over \$900 per student. She added that some students will not be going due to the high cost and short notice. Ms. Gierasch responded that the Washington D.C. trip is part of the curriculum, and that the administration will work with families who need assistance as no student should be left out. She added that the administration will look into what the cost entails.

A parent suggested that the school should inform families earlier so that they can budget. She added that it would be a good learning experience for students to both raise money to help offset costs and to learn about what it costs to pay for the trip.

A parent asked why Lloyd Harbor School parents need to submit change-of-transportation-forms on Operoo each day their child stays after school for an after-school-club while West Side School does not. Ms. Gierasch responded that the administration will look into it.

9. Important Dates to Remember:

March BOE Meeting — Tuesday, 3/12/24, 8 PM

District Wide Family Night—Thursday, 2/15/24

Next CPC Meeting — Thursday, 3/14, 9 AM District Office

10. Meeting Adjournment — CPC Chair, Tara Belfi

Jennifer Cahn moved to adjourn, and Fara Satin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:39A