

Central Parent Council Minutes: Monday, March 21, 2022

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order, Chair Report

— CPC Chair, Jennifer Kornreich Cahn

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

3. Approval of Minutes from the 1/20/2022 CPC Meeting

— CPC Secretary, Joann Kuncewitch

Jennifer Kornreich Cahn moved to approve the February 2022 minutes, and Bernadette Flynn seconded.

4. Status & Resolution Report — CPC Vice Chair, Michele Gulitti

5. Treasury Report— CPC Treasurer, Bernadette Flynn

6. School and Organization Reports:

Goosehill Primary School (GHPTG)

Lloyd Harbor School (LHSPTG)

West Side School (WSSPTG)

CSH Junior/Senior High School (CSHPTG)

Arts Booster Club (ABC)

Cultural Arts Committee (CAC)

Families of the Community United with Schools (FOCUS)

Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)

CSH Educational Foundation

7. Guest Speakers: Presentation on Internet Safety and Social Media Management — Officers Jesse Levy and Robert Jinks

We welcomed School Resource Officers, Officer Levy and Officer Jinks who gave an insightful presentation on internet and social media safety.

Officer Levy began with by highlighting the fact that, today, children as young as fourth grade have cell phones. Young children also easily access to smart tablets, smart TVs, and the apps that are available on these devices at home.

He explained that many of the popular apps tend to become addicting, particularly apps where users accumulate "likes" and "followers". These apps have an age requirement of at least thirteen years of age. The user must sign an agreement to create an account, but many users sign the agreement without reading that the apps may use their photos as they see fit. Officer Levy presented several examples of how one's own social media posts can easily be misused by other users. Posted photos that are meant to be shared for ten seconds, as in Snapchat, may in fact be around for much longer than intended. "Snapchat Snap Maps" lets users see your current location but making sure the app is on *ghost mode* stops the user's location from being shared.

Officer Levy noted that there are other types of social media posts to be aware of and highlighted the concerns about trendy "Tik Tok" challenges such as the Tide Pod challenge, vandalism challenge, and the Benadryl challenge were a few that he mentioned.

Over-sharing personal information is another safety point that was presented. Officer Levy gave an example of a real user's screen-name in which the full name and date of birth was used. He gave an example of how innocently sharing one's locations through photos can make it very easy for someone to stalk and follow. Officer Levy shared a real-life example of an assault that occurred minutes after a social media user posted their current location.

Parents should also be aware of their child's safety in gaming where they could potentially share their information with strangers through what seems like innocent conversation.

Officer Levy discussed cyberbullying and noted that depression is now higher than ever. He added that one can be arrested for aggravated harassment in the second degree starting at age seventeen. Officer Levy advised that parents should remind their children daily to stick up for other kids.

Officer Levy concluded with a summary on how we can protect ourselves and our children. His key points were limit screen time, look for potential dangerous online relationships, be your child's "friend" or "follower" on their social media apps, use parental monitoring apps.

8. Parent Questions/New Business

A parent asked if it is possible to have the district's State Exam Data Presentation recorded with dialogue because it is difficult for parents to understand the slide presentation without the corresponding dialogue. Ms. Jill Gierasch responded, stating that administration is working to reach out to all parents. She added that having this meeting at night is also a way they are reaching out to more parents.

A parent asked about how administration is doing, in general, with the challenges they've faced this year. Ms. Gierasch stated that the current administration has worked here for eight months, and in that time, the community has been helpful in giving insight on what is working and what is not. She added that they are always learning, building relationships, and that there is always a sense of team effort. Ms. Gierasch added that they are trying to develop a district-wide community event to bring everyone together including teachers, parents, and children.

A parent asked if Colonial Day is on the calendar for Lloyd Harbor. Ms. Gierasch announced that Colonial Day will take place at Old Bethpage Village Restoration where Lloyd Harbor School and West Side School will attend together.

9. Important Dates to Remember:

Next Board of Education meetings —Tuesday, 4/12, 8 PM

Next CPC meeting — Thursday, 4/28, 9 AM

10. Meeting Adjournment —

CPC Chair, Jennifer Kornreich Cahn

Michele Gulitti moved to adjourn, and Sarah Heric seconded.