

Central Parent Council Minutes

Thursday, 11/16/2023

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Call to Order, Chair Report** — CPC Chair, Tara Belfi
The meeting was called to order at 9:07am
- 3. Approval of Minutes from 10/18/2023 CPC Meeting**
— CPC Secretary, Joann Kuncewitch
Erin Rechler moved to approve the October minutes and Lauren Heinz seconded.

4. Status & Resolution Report — CPC Vice Chair, Lauren Heinz

5. Treasury Report — CPC Treasurer, Erin Rechler

6. School and Organization Reports:

Goosehill Primary School (GHPTG)

Lloyd Harbor School (LHSPTG)

West Side School (WSSPTG)

CSH Junior/Senior High School (CSHPTG)

Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)

Arts Booster Club (ABC)

Cultural Arts Committee (CAC)

Families of the Community United with Schools (FOCUS)

CSH Educational Foundation

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

At this time, Ms. Gierasch provided information regarding the Capital Reserve Liquidation Vote which is today until 8pm.

8. Presentation: Course Selection in the Secondary School and Navigating the Naviance Software for Students Preparing for College — Jill Gierasch, Superintendent; Genevieve LaGattuta, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Mona Hecht, Assistant Superintendent for Counseling, Student Services and Human Resources

Ms. Hecht provided the following presentation:

[Counseling Program Update - November 2023.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Regarding this presentation, a parent asked about the process in which courses are recommended to students. Ms. Hecht explained that the counselors see and understand the whole picture of how each student performs. Teachers may recommend particular courses for a student that may not be the right fit or could be too difficult, but the counselor can see the whole picture and guide students in finding the right balance for their course load.

A parent spoke about how students may want to try the more advanced course, then drop down a level if they find the course to be too rigorous. Ms. Hecht responded that even though it is expected that a few students will drop a level in the middle of the course, the school tries to keep that to a minimum because it does cause disruption in learning. She explained that even students will miss the beginning of a course switching to a lower level, which can still be disorienting.

A parent asked if there's any consideration to increase the amount of course choices for 7th & 8th grade students. Ms. Hecht responded that most recently, for the jr. high school, more math levels have been introduced. More English/ language arts courses are provided at the high school level.

Ms. Hecht also provided a demonstration on how to navigate Naviance for students preparing to apply for college. Information on Naviance can be found using this link: [School Information / Naviance \(csh.k12.ny.us\)](http://School Information / Naviance (csh.k12.ny.us))

9. Parent Questions/New Business

No new questions were asked at this time.

10. Important Dates to Remember:

Capital Reserve Liquidation Vote — Today until 8:00pm at the CSH Jr/Sr High Field House

December BOE Meeting — Tuesday, 12/12, 8 PM

Next CPC Meeting — Thursday, 1/18, 9AM District Office

11. Meeting Adjournment — CPC Chair, Tara Belfi