

CSH PTG Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

- Jennifer Cahn calls the meeting to order and has Melissa Leopard ask for approval for the minutes from the October meeting.
- Jennifer Cahn announces the news of the Junior High Dance which will take place on December 15th.
- Deserie Saunders makes several announcements regarding the upcoming events that the PTG is involved in, This includes Holiday Beautification of the CSH Jr. Senior HS ,Holiday Shopping Event in Cold Spring Harbor, 7th & 8th Grade Dance, Holiday Cookie Bake, and the Literary Luncheon. We are looking for volunteers to get donations and to help out at these exciting events.
- Tonight will be a Board of Education meeting at 8pm. They will discuss the important voting that will take place on Thursday for the Child Victims Lawsuit.
- The CPC meeting will take place this Thursday at 9 AM in the Goosehill Board Meeting Room.
- Our next PTG meeting will be January 9th where a couple of alumni from CSHHS will come to speak about “what they wish they knew when in high school”.
- Mrs. Gierasch gives an overview on the important vote which will take place on Thursday for the capital reserve use for the Child Victims Act. She mentions that there is a presentation that explains in depth the lawsuit, along with a newsletter that everyone received in the mail. The goal for the district is the proposal of a vote to liquidate the money where we pay off the lawsuit in its entirety, which is almost equivalent to the 7.7 million in the reserve currently. If the vote does not pass, the district will be paying roughly 800K pl for the next 13 years instead.
- Mrs. Herold, Wellness Counselor and 504 Chairperson, gives a presentation on appropriate parental involvement with academics. She discusses the importance of what we value in education, including grades, and the students experiences.
- Mrs. Herold goes on to discussing what a productive struggle is and the importance of allowing the students to go through the uncomfortable experience with parental guidance and support, so that they are prepared for upcoming experiences.
- She brainstorms what we want students to focus on other than “grade/salary”. This is more of a lifelong journey and good to continue this message at home.
- She emphasizes the importance of extracurricular activities, sports, clubs, and developing relationships.
- It's important for parents to support their children and teach them to be OK with natural consequences while allowing them to have appropriate feelings at the same time.
- She gives parents strategies to assist us, including a check-in system that is discussed at home and reviewing with your child how to appropriately ask for time with the teacher. Mrs. Herold provides a list of multiple resources to aid in assistance with regard to study skills and test taking strategies.
- Mr. Danbusky presents to us a program new to our district, through the Sandy Hook Promise, called, Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. The students will be

trained how to use this system. Mr. Danbusky goes over other programs, including SAVE Club, Start with Hello Week, and 14 Days of Kindness. All themes and activities aid in supporting adult relationships in our buildings so students have a trusted adult to go to for support when needed.

- Mr. Danbusky gives an overview of the program and its benefits that have resulted throughout the country where it has been implemented.
- The students will learn to submit the tip, which will then allow the trained Crisis Center to process the tip, and then a trained team to manage it.
- The students will start training after Thanksgiving break in small groups. This training involves a video from Sandy Hook and the goal is to have this program up and running before holiday break.
- Mr. Danbusky announces a great presentation coming up regarding college admissions on January 22nd by Rob Franek, the author of College Admissions 101.
- On Friday, January 12th a Holocaust survivor will come to talk to grades seventh through ninth.
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The next PTG meeting will take place Jan 9th @ 9:30am.