

Central Parent Council Agenda

Thursday, 10/20/2022

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order, Chair Report — CPC Chair, Jennifer Kornreich
Cahn - Meeting called to order at 9:10am

3. Approval of Minutes from 09/22/22 CPC Meeting

— CPC Secretary, Joann Kuncewitch

Michele Gulitti motioned to approve the September 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. Presentation: Updates Regarding District Goals and Priorities — Superintendent Jill Gierasch; Assistant Superintendents Christine Costa, Mona Hecht, and Genevieve LaGattuta

Ms. Gierasch described the agenda for the Nov. 1st BOE work session where bond projects, completed and in the works, will be discussed. The architect will be present. Due to factors such as fluctuations gas prices, the BOE may need to make some adjustments.

Ms. Gierasch announced that the BOE approved core subject review sessions for Jr. High and up. Pandemic funds provided by the government will be used to pay for the review sessions as

the students have experienced learning loss during the pandemic. The purpose of the review sessions are not to cram before tests, but rather to establish valuable, long-lasting knowledge. Sports and activity schedules will be taken into consideration to avoid scheduling conflicts. Core subject review sessions are not in lieu of extra help before/ after school. Learning loss at the elementary level will be discussed during our half-day on Friday. Additionally, we will discuss improving elementary benchmark assessments.

A parent commented that the students have said the study skills sessions for elementary school have been very basic. Ms. Gierasch responded that she has received positive feedback but would appreciate emails regarding particular needs for student skill development.

A parent commented that our student planner books in elementary school are not being used and suggests that our students learn to use them properly in school. Ms. Gierasch said that she will take the feedback. She stated that the focus is especially placed on the 6th grade organization skills. Joseph Monastero added that we are looking to teach 6th graders Canvas, a digital program used to plan and organize assignments. Canvas software is used throughout Jr. and Sr. high school.

Ms. Gierasch presented the topic of parent university. Parents are welcome to submit topics of interest. Parent university sessions are estimated to start around January. The format would include a presentation followed by small group discussions.

Ms. Gierasch announced that the BOE approved a security consultant to work with our schools to fill in the gaps and to improve consistency throughout all the buildings.

8. Parent Questions/New Business

A parent stated that paper textbooks have been replaced by digital books and asked if paper textbooks are available for students to reference. Ms. Gierasch responded that most textbooks have switched to the digital format. She added that we usually have one set of books for the class and that the digital version is for use outside of the classroom. Also related to online resources, a parent stated that she prints the assignment outline from Google classrooms due to prolonged screen time. The parent suggested that teachers print the materials instead of only posting it online. A few parents responded that certain materials such as review packets are printed.

Ms. Gierasch explained that textbooks are used as an additional resource for learning, but that the teacher is main source of education for the students rather than learning straight from a textbook.

Regarding screen-time. Ms. Gierasch explained that students do need computer skills as state exams for grades 3-8 are required to be computer based. The state initially had an optional digital version of the exams, but starting in 2024, all exams are required to be digital. Ms. Gierasch added that the majority of the region has been doing computer-based testing and that our district is, in fact, behind on this.

Ms. Gierasch stated that we have extended Foundations to grade 3. At this level, students are building their consistency in knowledge of Latin roots. These skills create a valuable foundation that will carry them through high school.

Regarding security, a parent asked if drivers, who are not parents or staff, are permitted on school grounds, such as drivers from Uber Eats. Mr. Huntsman responded that students have become more creative in this aspect and that we are looking into having security placed at different stopping points with walkie-talkies to prevent this type of activity.

Ms. Gierasch announced that on November 8, Superintendent's Conference Day, the Suffolk County Police will be training the staff on security during a crisis. Additionally, Northwell Health will provide a Stop The Bleed training session for our staff.

9. Important Dates to Remember:

Next Board of Education work session—Tuesday, 11/1, 7:30 PM

Next Board of Education meeting —Tuesday, 11/15, 8 PM

Next CPC meeting — Thursday, 11/17, 9 AM

10. Meeting Adjournment — CPC Chair, Jennifer Kornreich Cahn

10:48am. Bernadette Flynn motioned to adjourn, and Monica Wells seconded.