

PTG Meeting

October 2, 2018 Meeting held in JHS Library @ 9:30 am

In attendance: Wendi DeSchutter, Lynette Simmons, Genevieve Cimino, Tara Vaccaro, Nicole Boutis, Dianne Breitstone, Irena Dabakarov, Marie Strunk, Suzi Berg, Carrie Davis, Carol Kessler, Tara Dircks, Tami Stark, Lisa Smith, Jennifer Keschner, Tami Schneider, Colleen Haskell, Jennifer Leaury, Michelle Rampi, Tara Belfi, Amy Brogan, Jennifer Capozzo, Beth Packert, Nicole Pultz, Janene Keegan, Kelly Weaver, Sapina Dhariwal, Kristin Drakos, Liz Squicciarino, Stephanie Dinozzi, Jeanean Ketterer, Heather Spehr, Claire Costa, Dana Lynch, Ingrid Wright, Dr. Bolen, Ms. Waters, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Woods, Ms. Moran.

BOE Board Members in attendance: Ingrid Wright and Amy Brogan

March 6, 2017 minutes reviewed and approved by: Approved by Lynette Simmons and seconded by Lisa Smith.

Wendi DeSchutter: PTG President

President's Report:

- Announces name change. We are now officially known as the CSH PTG. She introduces the new board. It is as follows:
Wendi, President/Communications Chair, Lynette/ Membership Chair, Dianne/ Committees Chair, Tara/ Treasurer, Genevieve/ Secretary, Nicole.
- Announces that the PTG in conjunction with SEPTO purchased flexible furniture in H-1 for our students to enjoy. Go check it out and see for yourself.
- Announces that the book to be discussed at the Literary Luncheon will be "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Monica Stingi and Claire Costa meet once a month to plan. Please consider volunteering to make this event a memorable one.
- Dana Lynch announces that in honor of Veterans Day, on Tuesday November 13, 2018, the 7th and 8th grade classes will be visited by Army vets.
- On Nov 14, the 11th and 12th grade History classes will be visited by Marine Vets. Volunteers are welcome to help either or both days or simply come

to listen to the speakers. Volunteers are also needed bring in food for the Vets. Contact Dana Lynch if interested.

- Wendi announces 2 new PTG Chairs. Irena Dabakarov and Carol Kessler are the new Chairs of JHS committee activities. They are working hard to plan many exciting events for the students. More information will be forthcoming.
- Mentioned upcoming speaker: The Chris Herren Story. Mark your calendars -- October 16th. He is a former NBA player turned motivational speaker who overcame addiction and will be speaking to all the students. This talk is open to parents. Email blast will go out to all so they can rsvp and we can know how many will be attending. Grades will be split up: grades 7-9 in the morning and grades 10-12 will hear him speak in the afternoon. This is only for students at this school. No other students will be permitted.
- There are many events at the library. Please refer to our Community Section of our Weekly Notes for all the updated information. Seminars such as ACT Prep Courses, College Information, SAT courses, and community service opportunities are just a few of what they offer. Be sure to look at the website for more info.
- Gooding Wellness Group- Oct 13, 2018, is hosting a workshop called "Mindful Living." On Oct 21st another seminar called "Parents Helping Teens with Stress." This group is located on the 3rd floor above Sweetie Pies. 181 Main Street, Cold Spring Harbor.
- Ingrid Wright mentions that next Tuesday, Oct 9th there will be a School Board Meeting – the Fire Department will attend to present their proposal to move the radio antennae to a different area on school grounds. Please attend if you have questions or concerns.

Membership Update:

- Dianne says we have approximately 310 members to date. We welcome anyone who has not yet joined and encourage them to do so.

Committee Signups Update:

- Tara urges all to sign up for committees. She says that the Teachers Welcome Breakfast was a huge success and enjoyed by all the staff at the JHS/HS. All are encouraged to sign up for a committee.

SEPTO Update:

- Is looking for others to volunteer and is working toward a goal of increasing their membership to 100 families. They will be having speakers such as Mr. Monastero who will discuss tips and tricks to use with computers. They encourage others to join and stress that the work they do is for all the students not just those receiving services. Their seminars are open to all and are geared toward helping all students. They are putting together a new Youth Ambassador Board for students in grades 9-11 (deadline Nov 9) and those students that are chosen will be acquiring community service credit. Students must apply for the position and applications are available today or in main office.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Reardon and Ms. Waters (Asst. Principals of JHS and HS)

- Both greet the parents and express their excitement to take on new roles within the school.

Guest Speaker: Robotics Club

- Ben, Maddie, Paige, Ryan, Dylan, Julia presented to our group. "First Robotics" is the company in charge of the competitions. Currently, CSH Robotics Club has 40 members. The team presented items on their wish list which would make building their robot more efficient and precise. They are looking for donations of money or materials. If a donor is looking for a tax deduction, you may donate through the CSH Booster Club (let them know it is for the Robotics Club).
- JHS Robotics Team is new this year and currently has 5 members. The HS team sponsors the JHS team and helps them build their robot.
- They have a meet this weekend at Half Hollow Hills. Oct 6th (all day) and welcome anyone who wants to come and lend their support.
- Make donation checks payable to: CSH, Team 2875 Robotics
- January 5th is Reveal Day (where they reveal their robot).

Principal Bolen:

- Procedures regarding ID cards have been going smoothly.
- Incoming 6th graders will come in the Spring to visit and the Robotics Club will present to them in an effort to gain interest upon their entrance to JHS
- Discusses possibility of hosting Club Fair for incoming students

- Mentioned to parents that in order to get announcements for each club, sign up for bit/ly. The full address will be listed on our Weekly Notes.
- Discussion about testing days – every department has 2 testing days to use ex, Eng and Math are same day (Tues, Fri), Science and Health(Tues) SS and Foreign Lang are same day (Mon, Thurs)
- Not all tests are returned to students. It is a personal decision to be made by each teacher or may be made on a case by case basis. Dr. Bolen urges you to reach out to your child’s teacher and have your child request to meet for extra help so they can review the test. All teachers are required to be available for extra help.
- Dr. Bolen commends the teachers and health professionals for all their efforts last week during such an emotionally difficult time following the passing of a beloved friend and fellow student.

Meeting adjourned at 11 am. Next meeting is November 6, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Boutis, Secretary