

PTG Meeting

January 8, 2019 Meeting held in JHS Library @ 9:30 am

In attendance: See attached sheet

BOE Board Members in attendance: Ingrid Wright and Amy Brogan

November 6, 2018 minutes reviewed and approved by: Approved by Tami Schneider and seconded by Lynette Simmons.

Wendi DeSchutter: PTG President

President's Report:

PTG bought various board games for the NEST. PTG also decorated the school cafeteria for the students in a Winter Wonderland theme. PTG efforts were appreciated by all.

Announcements:

Holiday Cookie Bake

Tara says that the Cookie Bake was a huge success and our school staff was very appreciative of the delicious treats. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Literary Luncheon:

Next LL meeting is next Wednesday 1/16/19. Be on the lookout for the email announcement. They are looking for donations for raffle baskets. Invites will be mailed out after February break.

Guest Speakers: School Clubs

Spanish Club –Presented and showed us the shirts they designed called “Los Churros Calientes.” Currently, there are 40 kids in Spanish Club. It is a Senior High School Club. The focus of the club is on Spanish language and culture. They meet monthly at the restaurant in Huntington called Quetzlcoatl. They celebrate important cultural holidays such as Dia de Los Muertos. They also participate in International Night and have raised over \$500 for the Heifer Foundation (dedicated to ending hunger). They are planning a field trip to the city as well.

French Club- 70 students in the club in grades 9-12, with about 40 students attending the meetings. Main goal of the club is to celebrate the culture. They have pastry parties, and go to the City to see a show. They also visit the elementary school to teach the younger students about French culture. They showed us a video presentation about the trip they usually take to Quebec. The French Club usually embarks on this trip at the end of February and the students have a wonderful time. They did not go this year (they were short 2 people and did not have the funds to cover the cost), but hopefully will go again next year.

Speech and Debate Club-

Grades 9-12. One student gave a lengthy oral interpretation. The teacher invites other students to attend a Speech and Debate Club meeting and learn what this club is all about.

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Our HS literary magazine. The students read some passages from the magazine to give all an idea of what the club offers. They welcome new attendees anytime.

Tara Belfi: Educational Foundation

Presented a video to educate all about what the Educational Foundation does. Much of the school district budget is mandated by the State. This is where the Foundation steps in and helps. They are aiming to raise between \$200-300,000. This year, they are sponsoring the CSH Robotics Club. They are currently in the middle of their fundraising drive. They currently receive from about 18% of the families in the district.

March POP Party at the Mansion in Woodbury will be held on March 22, 2019. Be on the look-out for information about this.

FOCUS, Suzanne Aidelhart

Announced that FOCUS will host a discussion about the book entitled “Don’t Press Send” by Katie Schumacher Wednesday, March 27th in PAC. All are invited to attend.

Dr. Bolen’s Report:

Next week – announced that next week 1/14-1/16 Mon – Wed is Challenge Day for 10th and 11th graders. On 1/18/19, Friday, is the day designated for the 12th graders. Seniors cannot opt out. Letters will be in the mail informing them what

day their child will be assigned for Challenge Day. It's about 100 students per day. 10 and 11th grade students may opt out – this is an option in the event the child is going through a lot of personal difficulties at home and not ready to share emotionally in school amongst their peers. Dr. Bolen explained that Challenge Day is run by an organization from California with the help of our teachers/support staff. We've done it for 2 years in a row and had tremendous success. The students have asked for us to get involved again this year.

2019-2020 Course Options

New class options for students:

12th grade Eng classes – those not taking AP lit, can select Intro to College English.

4 English courses: (News Literacy, Modern Fiction, Science Fiction, Sports and Lit).

Science – Marine Science and Astronomy

Math – pre-cal in Senior year

Freelance 3d Art and Design: Fashion design, sculpture, ceramics

Course guide coming home later this week.

This Thursday night 1/10/19, there will be a meeting for parents only. It is an Intro to HS informational meeting for those entering grades 9-12.

Ms. Waters' Report:

JHS events – Molly Mchale won the Geography Bee and will go on to the next level. Thanks to the PTG for our new games in the NEST. The students are enjoying them. We have a movie night scheduled for 1/29 at 6:30pm. They also special order dinner for this event. The JHS will be hosting a pajama-gram event in future. The date will be forthcoming. Ms. Waters urges parents to please spread the word that in the event of early dismissal, students are still required to sign out before leaving.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am. Next meeting is March 5, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Boutis, Secretary

