

Central Parent Council Minutes

Wednesday, 09/27/2023

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Call to Order, Chair Report**
— CPC Chair, Tara Belfi
Meeting called to order at 9:08 AM
- 3. Approval of Minutes from 05/18/2023 CPC Meeting**
— CPC Secretary, Joann Kuncewitch
Jennifer Kornreich Kahn moved to approve the May 2023 minutes, and Lauren Heinz seconded.
- 4. Treasury Report** — CPC Treasurer, Erin Rechler
- 5. 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)
CSH Educational Foundation
Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)
- 6. We welcome our new Directors: Brian Taylor, Director of STEM; Nicole Schimpf, Executive Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services; Carissa Hajdasz, Assistant Principal of the Sr. High School**

Athletic Department Updates —Michael Bongino - Athletic Director

We welcomed Mr. Bongino to speak about recent and upcoming athletic events. Spirit week has been planned in preparation of next Friday's Homecoming Festival and Football Game. Mr. Bongino explained that our district is looking to involve and represent all aspects of our community in this festival. More live singers will be invited to perform during the opening ceremony. All students in grades K-2 are invited to run through the tunnel with the cheerleaders prior to kickoff. Elementary School students are invited to play soccer on the field during half-time.

Mr. Bongino thanked everyone involved in the Remembrance Bowl, which took place last Saturday, 9/23. This was a historical football game, the first ever high school Remembrance Bowl, where our Varsity Boys Football Team played against Locust Valley. This event was especially

significant as we approach the 80th Anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy by Allied Forces During WWII. A screening of the short film, “Sixth of June”, was shown during the event. The Remembrance Bowl was a meaningful event and was a way to honor the people who fought for and sacrificed for our country.

Mr. Bongino announced the registration for Winter Sports begin next week.

The physical education staff is currently implementing a staff training schedule for the Second Step program; This program was recently approved by the BOE. Second Step is a program that gives teachers an engaging way to teach social-emotional skills and concepts, focusing on identifying problems, developing coping strategies, and using healthy outlets.

Mr. Bongino announced that high school sports team practices have changed their starting time to 3:00pm which allows participants to go to a club or extra help at the end of school before practice begins.

Presentation: District Updates and AP & Regents Results — Jill Gierasch, Superintendent; Genevieve LaGattuta, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Before beginning the presentation, Ms. Gierasch announced that information on the Child Victims Act settlements payment plan will go out to the community. The presentation regarding this information can be found using the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YefEV90Y4Kf0BWpSGFv-J5FevFMFBxkx/view>

Ms. LaGattuta provided a presentation on our 2023 AP & Regent Exam Results. The presentation slides may be viewed using the following link:

<https://www.csh.k12.ny.us/Page/11276>

Within the presentation, comparisons of performance between our district vs. Suffolk County and NY State were displayed. Ms. LaGattuta explained that at this time, we only have this data currently available, and that specific schools would need to be called in order to obtain more comparisons.

A parent asked if students are able to select their own AP courses and additionally asked if prerequisites are required. Ms. LaGattuta explained that there are recommended courses that can act as pre-requisites. She added that particular colleges advise that students be exposed to certain AP courses. Ms. Gierasch added that guidance is given to the student regarding which courses they both do/ don't recommend but if the student is willing to take the course, our school will not stop the student from making that decision.

A parent added that students may feel pressured to enroll in more AP classes based on their awareness of how many courses their peers are taking.

A parent noted the exam results data shows a dip in history course proficiency and asked about the general history curriculum in our schools. Ms. Gierasch responded that history is taught every

other day in the elementary schools and that throughout the school days, history is embedded within the literature and English courses.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Monastero provided a quick demonstration of how to locate the BOE Presentations and Recordings from the district website. They may be found using this link: <https://www.csh.k12.ny.us/Page/11243>

7. Parent Questions/New Business

No new questions were asked at this time.

8. Important Dates to Remember:

October BOE Meeting — Tuesday, 10/10, 8 PM

Next CPC Meeting — *Wednesday, 10/25, 9AM District Office (*This meeting date has been updated from the previous date posted on the paper calendar)

9. Meeting Adjournment — CPC Chair, Tara Belfi

Lauren Heinz moved to adjourn, and Dori O'Brien seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:07AM