

CSH PTG Meeting
11/10/20
via Zoom

Meeting held remotely. Start time 9:34.

In attendance:

From PTG: Lynette Simmons, Irena Dabakarov, Dianne Breitstone, Geneviev Cimino, Tami Stark, Carol Kessler

Tami Stark approves minutes, Irena Dabakarov seconds

Lynette Simmons, PTG President

President's report: Cookie bake has been approved to be held on Dec. 9th off site at someone's house to package and deliver cookies. More info to follow.

We have 16 mugs left at \$30 each, they are available to PTG members only. PTG members at lower schools qualify to purchase.

If there is a mistake in the directory, please reach out to Dianne Breitstone to correct.

Genevieve Cimino, PTG Treasurer

Treasurer's report: as of the October close, there is a balance of \$32,302. Budget is doing fairly well, Membership budget is \$9k for year, we are shy of this goal. Did not print directory this year for a cost savings of approx. \$900. Budget needs to be approved.

Tami Stark approved budget, Genevieve Cimino seconded it. Nay only vote. Ayes took it, budget approved.

Parent group announcements:

Dana Lynch, Arts Booster Club – also very short on membership. There will be a virtual Coffee House Jam this Friday. Dianne asked Dana if there was anything we can do for Veterans this year? They are not very tech savvy, so are doing virtual visits today in the 7th grade, Thursday is 11th grade. We have younger vets from 2008 and a service woman for the first time this year.

What are the benefits to the booster clubs? Randa Reford

Dana Lynch: The Arts Booster Club supports student's work via Grok, fine arts, creative writing, the fashion show, helps out at shows with refreshments, ticket taking, handing out programs, arranges for dinners, Jazz night, supports the a capella group, administers the scholarship program (10 seniors \$500 each). Also helps with the advertising for the Jr and Sr high school plays and musicals, and in purchasing hallway plaques, and marching band uniforms.

Cultural Arts Booster Club adds cultural exposure to students at the school in terms of programs, speakers, dance, International Night, Night of the Living Museum, etc. all during the day.

Edina Bobelian, CSH Educational Foundation: The foundation is having a fundraiser on Dec 8th from 11am to 1pm, at Tori Birch Manhasset. Go shopping either by phone or in person, make purchases, and 20% of the sales go back to the Educational Foundation.

Diana Gileno, Vice President, SEPTO, Secretary of FOCUS: both are still meeting regularly. SEPTO just held a program led by pediatric occupational therapist Pamela Lawson, and will be publishing a newsletter soon.

FOCUS will be reaching out to new families via the PTGs to introduce themselves and explain who they are and what they offer.

Denise Campbell, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Human Resources: With the holidays approaching, district families have many questions re: travel and quarantining. There is a new update re: the state travel advisory. As of Nov. 3 – every state is now on the list with the exception of those that border New York State. Please refer to the district-wide e-mail sent out on Nov 4 where the travel and quarantining guidance is outlined, or our website on the main page under the “Reopening of Schools” link. It is unclear how the state plans to check compliance, it is possible that toll booth operator may ask for a negative return test upon arrival in New York. Border states are excluded.

When a positive case is reported, the school must advise the Health Dept. Many factors are considered: the occupancy of the school room, occupancy of the student's last day in attendance, ceiling height, safety procedures in place that day - masks, shields, windows open? Filtration system, any anomalies that day? Anyone have their mask off for an extended time that day, extra kids in the class that day? Were the shields down at any point? Was class for longer than 40 minutes for any period that day? Any eating in that student's class that day, for how long, and how? Windows open in classrooms?

The district has their own process, speaks directly to child about their routine that day – go to bathroom? With anyone? The school speaks with teachers directly for protocol deviation. Any sub that day? Cross reference with attendance. Take bus or drive? How long was drive? Windows open? Any other kids in car with you? The District works in cooperation with the Dept. of Health but they make the decision and tell the district how to proceed, although schools are expected to take an

active role and use prudent judgment. Our district is in touch with neighboring districts to learn from their experiences. They engage in strict record keeping, and encourage sticking with transportation choices chosen. No parents allowed in schools. The Dept. of Health makes the decision as to virtual only and for what duration. Any visitors in school that day? A negative test does not release you from quarantine and allow a child to return to school. This is because of the incubation period and emergence of symptoms. You must stay quarantined for the 14 day duration. The virus typically emerges between days 2 and 14 and peaks between day 5 and day 10 after initial exposure. When seek a test? When recommended or required or if symptomatic. Not required when you're a contact to get tested. 14 days must be honored. The Dept. of Health will be monitoring those exposed via contact tracers.

Dr. Bolen: the more contact with attendance office and school nurse the better, so we can provide you with the correct quarantine length, obtaining information that the school needs, etc.

Denise Campbell: When quarantine is over, the contact tracer will send you paperwork. Family members should also be quarantined, a good friend, no. Quarantining comes when you've had direct exposure to someone who is positive.

Irena Dabarakov asks if a child has a mild fever, should I keep my others home?

The Dept. of Health's standard is a fever is 100 degrees or more. 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medications is the standard, now it's being pushed to 48 hours. School can't tell anyone to stay home in this scenario, up to the parent. Our nurses at the school can speak with your pediatrician if necessary. Always err on the side of caution. The school is concerned about what will happen after the holidays.

Genevieve Cimino: how will this process play out if all the high school students are attending in person?

We have eight weeks of good, solid experience in executing COVID procedures. Older kids are more controllable in terms of their behavior in cooperating with protocols. There is less student talking in the upper school. The odds aren't necessarily doubled if the student population is doubled. Numbers are increasing in the general population of the county, and the holidays are approaching. When people don't cooperate with the safety protocols the numbers rise and the schools become vulnerable.

Dr. Bolen, Principal, CSH Jr./Sr. High School: first quarter of instruction ended Friday, second started yesterday. Opened for questions. What's happening with Mr. Bongino's sports proposal to Dr. Fenter? Not sure. Jan. 4th is tentative sports start date.

Genevieve Cimino: Can teacher add a test taken this week to the first marking period that ended Friday?

A teacher does have a grace period. The standard is that teachers have two weekends to calculate grades. Report cards will be issued next Monday.

President--Reminder of tonight's Board of Education meeting, link will be posted in chat. Next CSH-PTG meeting is on 1/12/21 and will be virtual.

Meeting concluded 10:24.