

Central Parent Council Minutes

Thursday, 9/18/2025

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order, Chair Report

Chair, Cristen Blundell

Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM.

2. Status & Resolution Report

CPC Vice Chair, Erin Rechler

Currently clean slate on S&R

3. Approval of Minutes from 5/13/25 CPC Meeting

CPC Secretary, Nicole Prizzi

Maggie Lovett moved to approve the 5/13/25 minutes, and Dorie Obrien seconded.

4. Treasury Report

Treasurer, Megan Halsey

The current bank account has been reconciled through September 18, 2025. The

current bank balance is \$1,727.84.

School association dues collection will begin within the next few weeks so please be on the lookout for invoices. Additionally, gift cards for board of education members will be purchased ahead of the October BOE meeting.

5. Parent Group Updates

- Some PTGs discussed using Directory Spot. If all the parent groups decided to use district wide by then the organizations will get a discount.
- PTGs noted that the Photo Day is a fundraiser for the PTG groups. A portion of the sales go back to the PTG organizations.
- CPC will include highlight reel of other PTG organizations fundraisers and notable events on its Instagram account.
- Each school organization gave an update on past and upcoming events.
 - Goosehill Primary School (GHPTG) - Also included UPK program in Welcome Tea.
 - Lloyd Harbor School (LHSPTG)
 - West Side School (WSSPTG)
 - CSH Junior/Senior High School (CSHPTG)
 - Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)
 - Families of the Community United with Schools (FOCUS)
 - Cultural Arts Committee (CAC)
 - Arts Booster Club (ABC)
 - Seahawks Booster

6. Special Topics;

- District Administration Staff was introduced and gave a little background about their experience and current events happening.
 - **Brian Taylor:** Mr Taylor has 20+ years in education and has taken on the new role in Human Resources. Ms. Libertini and Mr. Taylor are cochairs of the Professional Development (PD) Committee. A ParentSquare notification will be sent out for parent volunteers needed for PD Committee. The committee meetings will discuss offerings for

staff PD, planning for Superintendents Conference Day, tracking progress following PD events. The PD committee meets four times a year.

- **Joe Dragone:** Mr. Dragone has 56 years in education. Looking for Capital and Facilities committee parent representatives. Looking for 5 members and the Board of Education will make a decision on who should be members of committee. Individuals with experience with Construction and Architecture but also parents or members of the community that have general experience. Mr. Dragone said he can hold a zoom meeting with the PTGs to review requirements for insurance. Instructional vendors doing speaking engagements will not have the same requirements.
- **School Committee Volunteer:** Requests are announced at the BOE meetings and on Parent Square. Committees meetings are open to the public to attend with audience to committee portion of meeting. Full list of committees can be found in July Board of Education minutes.
- **Ms. Jeannette Alomia:** Ms. Alomia has 18 years in education K-12. At the start of the year so far has held Grade 12 College Process meeting and will have recording posting on district website and will be open for anyone to review. The recording will benefit not only HS students but informative for any parent to help them understand the process. Will be doing a presentation on Naviance coming up as well.
- **Mr. Monastero** gave an update.
 - **Parent Square:**
 - A great tool in allowing district to keep communication open to parents and keeping them aware about what is going in district and with district buildings.
 - **Security:**
 - Across the district installed security fencing.
 - Added cameras around the buildings
 - License cameras on campus and cameras on field
 - Alurtus is a new item that staff have for security. It allows the building to go into lockdown and it works across school buildings.
 - **State Assessments:**
 - Its important for allowing kids in grades 3-8 to take them to help them prepare for future exams (i.e. Regents and APs in their HS year) and help with exam endurance
 - The assessment data allows staff to see duration kids are taking the test. Data is reviewed by staff. Parent and leadership discussions around how can we help prepare staff to work, especially with the younger kids allowing them to work through not causing test anxiety around the testing.
 - The benefit of starting earlier could also potentially identify kids stress points and how we can support the child in the process.
 - **Guest wireless:**
 - Did an analysis on school Wifi for security. Will look into have guest network with password that will change every month first of the month.
 - Parent group members will need to have better access b/c they are in buildings so will have to work with building administrators to get access.
 - **Device free report:**
 - Has been working well and seeing results with student interactions.
- **Mr. Monastero** is doing a podcast on CSH school with Huntington podcast program. Check the district website for link.

7. Parent Questions/New Business –

- **Contract negotiations:** Have put out fact finder to compare with surrounding districts. The state does the report currently do not have timing but typically within months. Working with a mediator

and trying to negotiate in good faith. Teacher union and staff are aware that discussion around negotiations should not be happening in the learning environment. Parents are encouraged to reach out to teaching staff and then district leadership and administration to communicate if they are concerned about any changes that feel may have impact on learning environment.

8. Important Dates to Remember:

- Next Board of Education Meeting is Tuesday 10/14 @ 8:00 PM
- Next CPC Meeting is Thursday 10/16 @ 9:00 AM

9. Meeting Adjournment

- Nicole Prizzi and Elissa Rossie called for adjournment. Cristen adjourned the meeting at 10:48AM.