

# **Central Parent Council Agenda**

## **Thursday, 11/17/2022**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Call to Order, Chair Report** — CPC Chair, Jennifer Kornreich Cahn - Meeting called to order at 9:05am
- 3. Approval of Minutes from 09/22/22 CPC Meeting**  
— CPC Secretary, Joann Kuncewitch  
Lisa Smith motioned to approve the October 2022 minutes, and Monica Wells seconded.
- 4. Presentation on safety issues and legal/ social pitfalls related to kids' social media usage**  
— Suffolk County Police Officer Jesse Levy

Officer Jesse Levy lead a presentation on internet safety and responsible usage of social media. The following are key points that were emphasized within the presentation:

- The attention gained by using social media apps (i.e. “likes” and keeping track of followers) tends be addictive and may lead users to post impulsively without being mindful of potential consequences.
- The terms of service for the applications are legally binding contracts. Once you hit “accept”, the company may use your posted content as they see fit.
- The sharing of location poses serious dangers to users, even allowing predators to easily track the precise location of their target in real time.
- Online predators, particularly on gaming apps like Roblox, can easily pose as young students looking to enjoy a game with new friends, creating the perfect setting for online grooming. Disabling the chat feature is an effective way to prevent this.
- Cyber bullying has taken over school bullying. Though cyber bullying occurs online, victims may be inclined to react irrationally, leading the victim to become the aggressor in some cases. It is advised to not respond to a cyber bullying message and to end it with the message, ‘Stop contacting me.’. In serious cases, screenshot it and send it to the police.
- Kids should not be online when the parents are not home. Kids should never tell a stranger (adult or child) that they are home alone.

-In 2021, nearly 75% of college admission offices reported that they look at applicants' social media accounts. In some cases, acceptance has been denied after initially being accepted due to inappropriate social media posts.

Ms. Gierasch added that in our district, the Chromebooks used by students are monitored with GoGuardian. Students who use their own private devices are also being filtered if they are logged on to the school Wi-fi. If students are searching for inappropriate content, or exhibit online behavior related to thoughts of suicide, the district administration is notified. Officer Levy explained how effective this monitoring has been for many school districts and added that suicides have been prevented.

A parent expressed concern that our district website could be sharing too much information about individual students. Ms. Gierasch responded that we have important stories to tell so that our community is aware of our accomplishments. She added that the district will respect the wishes of families and students who do not want their photos or names shared on the district website.

## **5. Parent Questions/New Business**

Questions were asked during the presentation portion of this meeting. No additional questions were asked following the presentation.

## **6. Important Dates to Remember:**

Next Board of Education meetings: Tuesday 12/13/22 and 1/17/23  
8PM

## **7. Meeting Adjournment — CPC Chair, Jennifer Kornreich Cahn**

Erin Rechler motioned to adjourn, and Bernadette Flynn seconded at 10:56am.