

Central Parent Council Minutes

Thursday, 02/26/2026

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Call to Order, Chair Report

Chair, Cristen Blundell

Meeting called to order at 9:12. Nicole Prizzi made a motion to start.

2. **Approval of Minutes from 01/15/26 CPC Meeting**

CPC Secretary, Nicole Prizzi

Shannon Quinn moved to approve the 1/15/26 minutes, and Linda Gerber seconded.

3. **Status & Resolution Report**

CPC Vice Chair, Erin Rechler

- Ongoing issue regarding Nutrition Concern. Mr. Montastero will review the results from survey (approx. responses) with Geri Tiger, will then review at the Nutrition Committee meeting now moved to 3/11/26 and then present findings at CPC.
- Erin gave an update about Sports Night. Special thanks to Jen Bowles and Messina Market for donating food for the volunteers and the Seahawk Sports Booster for purchasing the shirts for volunteers directly from Corey's Promise vendor so funds go back to the organization.

4. **Treasury Report**

Treasurer, Megan Halsey

The current bank account has been reconciled through February 26, 2026. The current bank balance remains the same at \$2,422.84.

5. **Parent Group Updates**

- Each school organization gave an update on past and upcoming events.
 - Goosehill Primary School (GHPTG): Self nomination will open up in March.
 - Lloyd Harbor School (LHSPTG)
 - West Side School (WSSPTG): Board will have new position next year on the slate: House & Grounds.
 - CSH Junior/Senior High School (CSHPTG)
 - Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO): Board positions are open, email the SEPTO email address to get nomination form. Number of positions available and the existing board members will be available during transition year.
 - Families of the Community United with Schools (FOCUS): Board positions will be available for FOCUS, announcement of application process will be made on social media
 - Cultural Arts Committee (CAC)
 - Arts Booster Club (ABC)
 - Seahawks Booster
 - Added from all PTGS:
 - Cash for Corey will do during dance break at the Sports Night and will have students collect money that will be given back to Corey's Promise.

6. **Special Topics;**

- Mr. Monastero discussed Robotics Competition coming up. The final event is at Hofstra in March and open everyone in the community. The district is working to also bring in speakers and presentations for the elementary level around Robotics.

- **Counseling Department and JH principal staff discussed tips:**
 - **For parents of current 5th graders:**
 - Best way to start preparing them for JH is the “gradual release method” and giving them more freedom with reason.
 - Have questions prepared for child that are not yes and no, but why questions so that kids will be prepared to start talking about their days.
 - Establish routines with kids to help them manage their workload (i.e. using agenda book, post it notes).
 - 6th Grade teachers have a specific process to determine recommendations for courses for 7th grade, they are having thoughtful conversations to make sure the students are in the right fit.
 - **In 7th Grade there is “team” approach:** staff meet 2X week to discuss anything in particular they are noticing (students, canvas).
 - **In general:**
 - Important not to try and compare children.
 - Each child has their own path and encouraging children to advocate for themselves.
 - There are resources available for students and parents on how to use and get used to working with CANVAS.
 - Counseling department website and newsletter has college preparedness information by grade.
 - Ms. Pickering has 7/8th grade CANVAS page with announcements.
 - Book, Grit by Angela Duckworth is a good book for parents to read.
 - **Specia Education** at the JH/HS looks very different at that level with the way the day is scheduled. There are more options.

7. **Parent Questions/New Business – N/A**

8. **Important Dates to Remember:**

- Next Board of Education Meetings is Tuesday 3/10/26 @ 8:00 PM.
- Next CPC Meeting is Thursday 3/19/26 @ 9:00 AM.

9. **Meeting Adjournment**

- Elisa Rossi made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.