

CFA Meeting January 13, 2015

Board in Attendance – Nancy, Wendi, Janice, Ana, Dianne – absent Mary, Lorena, Kerith

Approval of Minutes

Nancy Israel – announced new electives being introduced in the next school year. Grades 8-12

TV Broadcasting

Nutrition

Video Gaming

Statistics Course (Not AP)

Science in the 21st century

Challenge Day - 10th and 11th grades is ongoing. 5-6 kids are grouped and the theme of their discussion is “if you really knew who I was”

February 9th, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson will be visiting the school (part of CAC)

March - Hudson Taylor will be visiting. Hudson is a Columbia wrestling coach and he is also a LGBT representative and will be speaking about tolerance.

The nominating committee is being formed. This is a 4 person committee who will recruit and fill board seats for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this committee or for a board position, please contact Lorena.

Ana Shammah – We still have directories and mini-calendars if anyone would like to purchase. \$5.00

Wendi – Cookie Bake went very well this year again. Thanks to Trish Colon and all those who contributed their time, cookies. The teachers were very appreciative of the day.

Literary luncheon is March 18th at the Huntington Country Club. This years author is Tim Greene. Invitations will go out early February. We are still looking for gift baskets or smaller items that can be combined into baskets for our raffle. Please contact Wendi if you can help donate.

Snap Chat – there has been some notice of inappropriate pictures being shared on snap chat in the 8th grade. Please continue to speak to your children and check their activity on line to help guide them away from this type of behavior. Mr. Monastero reminds us that we are not just giving our kids a phone with these new devices, we are giving them access to the world. There are many ways to

monitor activity. This will be a topic at the next CPC meeting but if you have any questions or concerns about your child's activity or just in general, please feel free to contact Mr. Monastero.

Dianne – The Snowball Dance for the Jr. High was held Friday night. Attendance was a bit light but given the snow/ice conditions, it have impacted the event. All attended had a great time.

The first Jr. High Film Contest is scheduled. Date is to be finalized but will be either March 6th or the Friday prior, February 28th. Participants can submit short films based on various criteria such as length, subject, etc. Outside industry judges will be included to judge admitted entries. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Monastero or Dianne Breitstone or Kerith Friedberg.

Mr. Matuk has communicated that this year they are hoping to have major classes determined for students by July. No times, periods, electives or teachers will be finalized but students but they can do summer work if necessary for the major classes they have been approved for. Mr. Monastero added that some NYS testing information will be needed to make some final judgement.

CAC – We had a drum ensemble, the Hip Pickles – perform at Dr. Felkners request. This was an interactive performance

Sole Sombre – a Flamingo Dance group held a workshop for the Spanish students.

February will have visits from Washington and Jefferson.

February 26th, in the Sr. High – Jeremy Kittel – well known exceptional violinist and fiddler of his generation. He and his band will be visiting the students in String for 3 workshops and they will get to play with him and his band. A performance will also be held for students during 9th period. Lloyd Harbor and West Side sting students will be invited as a field trip.

Arts Booster – meetings are being held once a week to gear up for the next play “How to Succeed in Business”. They meet mostly on Tuesdays at Colleens house – if anyone would like to volunteer, please contact anyone on Arts Booster club.

SIT – currently working on 1) Testing days in the school. Looking into more consistency in subject/day testing schedule and adhering to this to avoid multiple tests on same days. 2) Working to develop a “Road Map” – by grade which would highlight important things to know and be aware of within each grade. 3) Developing a “Senior Experience” model where seniors can be better prepared to college in areas other than academics such as financing, homework, laundry, etc.

CFA Guest Speaker – Jane Golub, R.N. – Jane is a local resident in Lloyd Neck. Jane has a website at www.janegolub.com , her email is jane.golub@gmail.com and her phone is 516.702.5713 if you would like further information.

The topic was “Putting the Joy Back into Parenting Adolescents Through Positive Communication Strategies”

Jane spoke through ways to set up rules that can help make communication better, more meaningful and improve relationships for all. She also gave some thoughts and ideas on Do’s and Don’ts of parent-child conflict resolution.

All of these can be found on her website.

Thank you Jane.

Senora Maria Segura – February 26 we will be holding Class Olympics competition for grades 9-12. This is to be a very big event to raise money for feeding the homeless. It is sponsored by the Student Government - \$10.00 entrance fee and some teachers will give bonus points for participating.