

# Central Parent Council Cold Spring Harbor School District

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## Status and Resolution Report November 7, 2013

### District Items:

#### 2012-2013 District Goals - ONGOING

1. To implement clear and consistent goals for teaching and learning in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics which are aligned with New York State Common Core Learning Standards.
  2. To make “anytime, anywhere” learning possible by:
    - a. Maximizing the usage of the District’s newly installed technology infra-structure
    - b. Examining emerging technologies for applicability in the classroom (i.e. tablets, electronic texts, and assistive technology)
    - c. Developing policies and procedures related to the use of personal electronic devices.
  3. To partner with the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation to develop a “senior internship” program designed to provide experiences and opportunities for college and career preparedness.
  4. To fully implement the Annual Professional Performance Review for principals and teachers to ensure compliance with New York State regulations (§3012-c)
  5. To fully implement the “Dignity for All” legislation to ensure that all students experience a safe and supportive school environment that is free of bias, discrimination, bullying and harassment as per District policy 0115.
- Adopted October, 2012

*Awaiting 2013-2014 CSHSD Goals. A work session for adopting goals occurred October 29 and the approved goals will be voted on at the November board meeting November 12.*

#### Teacher Contract-6/30/12-ONGOING

Teachers are in their second year without a contract. Teachers are displaying solidarity but very cordial. The 2% tax cap has change the paradigm regarding negotiations. There are no scheduled meetings to negotiate.

**School Security: ONGOING:** Changes are in the works to alter past practices in elementary and primary schools to enhance security and maintain student safety. Dr Wilansky's office is working with both Oyster Bay Cove/Laurel Hollow PD and Lloyd Harbor PD, as well as Suffolk County PD to keep our students safe.

#### Related Items:

The CPC presented gifts to the school board in appreciation of their dedication.

BOE member Joseph Morante announced he will be stepping down.

## **Parent Items:**

**Parent Communication:** Discussion took place at March CPC Meeting whether or not to have central group responsible for all communications and to avoid replication by other groups.

### **ONGOING**

Other Items:

**Blue Ribbon Award for West Side School:** Dr. Wilansky is finding out the criteria met to achieve Blue Ribbon status. Two paths can result in a Blue Ribbon – learning growth and overall excellence. The government shut down affected communication with education department. Mr. Simon will be accepting an official plaque.

**Class size guidelines:** Regarding large classes and splits to create a new class, the school board followed class size guidelines and decided to add a teacher at West Side rather than an aide when class maximum was reached. Lloyd Harbor School classes have not reached the guideline maximum.

**Review of October CPC Meeting presentation:** A lengthy discussion regarding the Common Core Curriculum was presented by Dr. Wilansky and Dr. Bellino. In an update, Dr. Wilansky reported she met with Regent Tilles and State Senator Marcellino regarding the “test weary” children and that they are aware of the negativity toward assessments. She is hopeful the state legislators will be helpful in the using their influence to encourage adjustments by the Education Commissioner. Dr. Wilansky quoted Senator Marcellino as saying too much had occurred too soon in education.

**January CPC Meeting:** Student Council members will make a presentation. FLES teachers Kelly Jordan and Tara Tassani will report on the new FLES program and how it has affected instruction for our new seventh graders.

**CPC:** The CPC board will be reviewing our bylaws and creating new goals.