

CFA~PTO Meeting Notes 11/12/08

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM. A motion was made by Debbie Kirsch and Pamela Domjan.

Treasurer's Report was given. It was noted that half of the wrapping paper proceeds go to CFA. All members are encouraged to continue to support CFA by ordering online and the school code is 105220.

VP of Committees report was given by Andrea Simonetti. There are currently 402 members. The next Prom Committee meeting will be 11/19/08 at 10AM. The Cookie Bake Committee is underway, chaired by Trisha Colon and the event will take place on 12/10/08. All parents who volunteered to bake should do so and all interested parents should volunteer- the amount of cookies needed is 3-5 dozen per volunteer. The Book Fair will take place on 12/10/08- chaired by Vicky DeLaurentis. All parents who have volunteered should come at appointed times and all questions should be directed toward Vicky. All parents, students, teachers, support staff are welcomed to come to Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Huntington for this fundraiser which supports the school and students. All interested in purchasing should be sure to present the school voucher at the time of purchase. Baby Watson Cheesecakes will be on sale this day for \$35 per cake. All online sales will be accepted from 12/10/08-12/05/08. Teacher wish lists will be present. Mr. Jenks and student musicians will be performing and Mrs. Folks and the fashion and design team will have fashion/art on display.

VP of Communications: Yolanda reports that the new district website will be up and running on 11/22/08 and there will be a CFA link to that website. It is really amazing and the new interactive calendar allows easier navigation.

CAC- The Veterans Program is underway and vets will come in top speak with the students this week with respect to Veteran's Day.

The Paperclips Presentation has been enthusiastically received for both day and evening performances. The Secret Life of Bees Movie is released and all English classes will receive extra credit to view it.

SIT- current goals have been developed and subcommittees are underway to discuss and develop plans.

Jr High Report: the last dance was well attended by 7th graders and less so by 8th graders. The next dance is 12/12/08. The Next Jr High CFA meeting in January will feature Mr. Schiffmacher and will be held in the Jr. High Library at 10AM.

CPC: There will be no December CPC or CFA meeting. Mr. Simon gave an overview on the Curriculum Committee. Mr. Jim Amen will be leading the Athletic Exemplary Committee. There will be a presentation from the Relay for Life Committee on 1/8/09.

SEPTA: The next 2ne Cup of Coffee Meeting will be held on 12/9/08 at Cold Spring Harbor Library. El Fuller, MSW, will be facilitating.

FOCUS: Dr Lee Chasen and Mary Ann Chasen will be doing a presentation on 11/19/08 at District Office.

ABC: Lyn Dodillet- This Friday 11/14/08 will welcome the CSHHS Coffeeshouse Jam

SBC: Membership Meeting 11/20/08- Black and Blue event8PM

Boxtops For Education- will be chaired by Jackie Shapiro- start saving those boxtops again!

National Honor Society: Students Max Brenner and Josh Elkin spoke for Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit initiative to eliminate homelessness by building and rehabilitating homes. The group needs \$3000.00 by January. The group intends to sponsor a Junior High Dance as part of its fundraising endeavors. Mrs. Terenzi is the consultant for the group.

Relay For Life: Denise West, Mrs. Porter, Amy Evans, Senora Segura, and Mr. Homer spoke with the group about this event for the American Cancer Society which will take place on June 5, 2009 as a campout on school ground for students and community members to raise money and awareness for this disease and its treatment and cures by honoring the memory of those lost to the disease as well as the victory of those who have survived it. Tents, fundraising events will be part of the day. A presentation will be made to CPC on 1/8/09 and 1/13/09 to the BOE.

Mr. Chris Homer, Speaker:

Discussed the things we as parents need to instill within our children such as: decision making, kindness, honesty, hardwork, cleanliness, respect, among other other virtues to make them well rounded individuals. He cautioned the group to be aware of what is being presented on television that our kids are watching. Some Junior high issues for parents to monitor and be aware of are: bullying, sleepovers that the kids attend, computer/internet usage at the home of our children's friends and Internet Safety/ Rules of Internet. Some High School issues that parents should be aware of are Myspace, Facebook usage, and prom/afterprom party. When do we as parents lose power? When we have nothing left to hold back from our child. Mr. Homer cautioned parents to be aware of the "Social Host Law" which make illegal the serving of any alcoholic beverage to an underage minor and the penalty that comes with breaking this law.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 with a motion from Abby Lightman and seconded by Karen Spehler.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Helen Daly,
CFA~PTO Secretary**