

## Minutes - FINALLY!

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CFA Minutes – January 4, 2012

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In attendance: Stephanie D., Terry S., Rosemary C., Tara R., Jackie L., Carol K., Stacy S., Gae S., Melissa D., Liz S., Claudia L., Darlene P., Lesa S., Daneel B., Mary K., Kelly D., Susan E., Carmen F., Carol T.

Approval of November minutes: Terry S., Carol K.

### Mr. Matuk's Report:

- Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice will be speaking to parents and students in the PAC on 1/5/12 about Social Host Laws. Ms. Rice was featured on “60 Minutes” discussing the students paying someone else to take the SAT for them and will be coming to CSH HS immediately after her appearance on “The Today Show”.
- Melissa Wayne, prevention coordinator for an addiction and recovery program will be speaking to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- New courses that will be offered next year:
  - o Applications in Web 2.0 (offered through the Social Studies Dept., Ms. Beach will most likely teach this course that will focus on Word, Excel, Powerpoint).
  - o AP Art History (offered through the Art Dept., open to all students grades 10-12)
- Next year all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be part of the Humanities Program. The students will be teamed with the same Social Studies and English teachers during back-to-back periods.
- Changes in the scheduling process: The petition process will be eliminated. Parents will receive a suggested schedule that the current teachers recommend for the following year. Parents should speak directly with the teacher if they disagree with the recommendation. Scheduling of classes will no longer be based solely on grades.
- Next year ALL 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take Living Environment/Biology (the 8<sup>th</sup> grade accelerated science course currently being offered). All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Biology Regents at the end of next year; this will get one regents

exam out of the way before they enter high school.

Mrs. Cambria – Guidance Dept.:

- Mrs. Cambria suggests that the student should be involved in the conversation with the teacher and parent about Accelerated/Honors/AP courses.
- Course recommendations will be made at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The teacher will compute the grade and then make a recommendation.
- Guidance Counselors will begin to see individual students during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, in decreasing order (11<sup>th</sup> graders will be seen first). It does not matter when your child sees their Guidance Counselor – no classes will be assigned until every student has spoken to his/her counselor.
- Course Study book will be available \*\*\*ON LINE ONLY \*\*\* in early February.
- All 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take Living Environment/Biology next year and will take the regents in June
- 9<sup>th</sup> graders will have the option of taking Chemistry (the accelerated science course) or Earth Science
- AP Curriculums can be viewed on [collegeboards.org](http://collegeboards.org) (click on “AP”). Some colleges will not accept AP courses at all.
- Assoc. Director of Admissions from Gettysburg College, Darrel Jones, will be speaking at the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent College Planning Meeting on 1/12/12

President:

- Thank you to Helen Daly and Deb Kirsch for all their hard work in making the Book Fair such a huge success. Over \$1800 was raised!
- Thank you to Trish Colon and her gang of volunteers for the success of the annual cookie bake.
- Next meeting will be 2/8/12. There will be NO MEETING 1/11/12

VP of Communications:

- The CFA will be looking for a volunteer to take over the website next year.

VP of Junior High:

- 2/8 Junior High Dance \*\*\*\*\*PARENT HELPERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED\*\*\*\*\* Please contact Carol Kessler or Nancy Aboff if you are interested in helping out at any of the dances.

VP of Committees:

- Approx. 1,000 daffodils have been planted and will bloom in April.
- Literary Luncheon is coming up in March – the Literary Luncheon Committee is looking for donations for the raffle baskets
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held in the spring

VP of Membership:

- Please sign up for membership so we have your email address and you receive our email blasts

Treasurer's Report:

- Wrapping paper fundraiser being conducted online only. Shop at the Innisbrook website – we receive 40% of sales. So far we've earned \$300. Please refer to [www.CSHCFA.com](http://www.CSHCFA.com) for more info
- We continue to collect Box Tops – we don't receive money but we are able to trade them in for supplies/items. A collection box will be located by the security desk.
- \*\*\* Shop at Value Drugs to help raise money for CFA \*\*\* Just show your key fob or tell the cashier you would like your purchase to go toward the CSH High School.
- \$1800 in sales percentage and \$142 in tips for wrapping was raised at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair (only \$1200 had been budgeted, so we exceeded that amount)
- CFA received a check from the teachers for membership dues – approx \$500.
- CAC has used funds to have a Marvel Comic Workshop and also to have an actor portraying Thomas Jefferson come into the school for a day.

Secretary:

- The CFA is looking for a Nominating Committee Chairperson. Please contact Liz Squicciarini or Tara Ruocco if you are interested.

Motion to close the meeting: Terry S., Rosemary C