

**CFA-PTO Minutes**  
Junior High meeting  
January 5, 2012

Liz Squicciarini opens meeting  
Amy B. motions to accept the minutes.  
Rosemarie K. seconds the motion.

**Cultural Arts:**

“Broadway in South Africa” will be performing in the PAC February 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Israeli family for underwriting this program and bringing this to our district. Students from the high school, junior high and 6<sup>th</sup> graders from LHS and WSS will be performing alongside the professionals on stage.

“Barrage Band” will be performing in the PAC on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets will be available for purchase closer to the event date.

**Guest Speaker:** Mrs. Pickering from Guidance

Counselors are meeting with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to discuss scheduling for next year. Students and parents will receive a list of courses the student will be taking but will not receive the actual schedule until the summer.

Recommendations for Honors and Accelerated classes will be made by the end of the second quarter and will be posted on the Parent Portal.

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Amen – Athletic Director

Mr. Amen emphasized the importance of allowing the students to play sports on the junior high level rather than playing on the high school teams. A student does not have to play JV or Varsity in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade to get into a “good” college. Colleges judge the performance of the athlete in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Mr. Matuk:**

A letter went home in December regarding substance abuse education for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students based on the result of last year’s PRIDE survey. Curriculum in Phys. Ed. starts this week emphasizing decision making skills. Feedback sheets will be given to each student after every class to continually improve the course.

“Body Exhibit” field trips in NYC will take place in early February for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade science classes.

Evolutionary Trail exhibits for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will take place at the end of March. The teachers will be bringing the presentations up a notch or two by using newer technology.

**CFA NEWS:**

- Junior High musical auditions will take place on January 19<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Rovere.
- Literary Luncheon will take place at Matteo's Restaurant on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker will be author Connor Grennin. All money raised will go to Cultural Arts. Please see the CFA website for more information.
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair - \$2500 was raised! Special thanks to Terry Sajewski, Diane Ngai, and Jackie Libretti for all their hard work to make this such a successful event.
- Thank you to our Holiday Cookie Bake chairperson, Trish Colon, and all her helpers – what a treat for all the staff (and then some)!

Amy B. motioned to adjourn the meeting.  
Helen D. seconded the motion.