

CFA Minutes – May 8, 2013

Meeting held in JH Library – focus was on the incoming 7th graders.

In attendance: T. Ruocco, J. Farynick, S. Bianco, M. Hooks, S. Sica, J. Matuk, and @20 audience members,

President's Report (Tara)

- We have one big fundraiser a year, i.e., the Literary Luncheon. We are different from the elementary schools which have a number of fundraisers. Programs at Goosehill and the elementary schools are for the children. It's different at the JH/HS. The students come up with the ideas and we just help fund them. Janice has done a great job of cleaning up the website. We have meetings once a month on Wednesdays. We will be changing meeting dates to Tuesdays at noon next year.
- Directory – You need to become a member of CFA for \$25.00 in order to download a directory which you can then print out. Forms are available at Back-to-School Night. In September 2014 we will be offering a hardcopy for an extra \$5.00 (after you sign up as a member). This will be available for two nights only.
- Friday night is the Unity Dance for 6th and 7th graders. Cost is \$10.00 at the door. There will be chaperones and pizza.
- Question asked about JH cafeteria – Your child's Meal Pay Plan comes over with them from the Elementary schools. There is a deli counter and salad bar.
- Homework – There is a Peer Mentoring Club. Upper class students assist younger students. You can speak with Ms. Pickering in the Guidance Office if you're interested.
- School Beautification – Held for two days at the end of the summer. Mr. Monastero leads it. Children can paint and get ready for the opening of school. Also, they can practice opening their lockers on these days so they're ready for school. They do get credits for Community Service for helping out on School Beautification days.
- Clubs and Sports – A question was asked if a student can participate in sports and clubs since they're both after school. Since clubs meet for @20 minutes right after school (school ends at 2:25) and sports start at 2:45, they can do both.
- Supplies – Have your children bring a notebook for the first day. On the first day, the teachers will tell students which supplies they need. In JH teachers will post supplies on the website before the start of school. There's a summer reading requirement which will be distributed to the 6th graders. Incoming 6th, 7th, 8th graders will have required summer reading.

Principal Report (Mr. Matuk)

- Volunteering and Community Service – This starts over the summer for incoming 7th graders. They will need 20 hours for the Honor Society. There are a number of options including School Beautification, the Cold Spring Harbor Library, nursing homes, food kitchens etc.
- 6th Grade Orientation is coming up. 6th graders come on buses during the day for an orientation at the JH.
- College is all about the right fit and not the right college. Kids will figure it out. Three clubs or two clubs on college transcripts isn't going to make a difference. In JH don't worry about college. This is the time to learn how to study.

Treasurer's Report (S. Sica)

- Regular workings of CFA ...while most of the incoming monies are from new membership, we also earn money from the sale of mini calendars and wrapping paper on line.
- This year, we may make a donation for an Art Gallery in the hallway outside of the Conference Room.
- Back-to-School Night – We will handout forms and put them in the classrooms for both JH and HS Back-to-School Nights.
- We still do Boxtops at the JH. We need a chair.
- Anyone interested in working the Literary Luncheon committee next year should contact any member of CFA board.

CAC (Robin Manos)

- There will be a CAC committee meeting next month. If you have any ideas for guest speakers, please pass them on.