

Central Parents Council

Minutes from September 12, 2013

In Attendance: H. Daly, B. Packert, B. Callaghan, C. Costa, N. Israeli, T. Ruocco, K. Walter, A. Reese, W. DeSchutter, T. Coyne, M. Strunk, K. Ferrandino, C. Walkin, L. Riffaud, L. Reichbach, J. Emanuel, D. Lynch, K. Robillard, A. Mitchell, G. Bordeman, N. Pultz, C. Goetjen, G. Cimino

Absent: L. Squicciarini, M. Hooks, D. Tsotsos, P. Guida May, R. Taglich, G. Reynolds, C. Haskell, C. Hodgson, L. Koke (C. Goetjen will attend in her place)

CPC Business

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 by Helen Daly. Helen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. B. Callaghan motioned to approve the May minutes and L. Reichach seconded.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Michael Bongino, our new Director of Physical Education. Mr. Bongino is very excited to be here. Started in July. All teams have begun practice. Updated us on his background at Half Hollow Hills and his various coaching positions. He has received a fantastic reception.

He has met with all of the teams. Practices had to be canceled on September 11 due to a full heat alert. Has set goals for all the students, elementary-secondary level.

CPC Business (continued)

Meeting began with CPC Board introducing themselves – L. Reichbach, K. Robillard, B. Callaghan, H. Daly, C. Costa, B. Packert, A. Reese, and N. Israeli.

Audience introduced themselves. Audience included various group board members and School District Publicist, Karen Spehler.

H. Daly requested that issues be brought up to be discussed. CPC was previously a forum for discussions on busing, drugs, NYS Mandates, and other issues. Helen looks forward to this years meetings continuing in that tradition.

B. Callaghan discussed CPC Budget / Net Worth Statement. CPC has been running at a deficit. CPC has undercharged for pocket calendars. Originally charging \$3 for calendars. Nancy Israeli stated that the CPC needs the money more now than the other school boards. After discussion of various price points, it was decided that the calendars should be sold for \$5 so none of the boards lose money.

Motion made to approve budget. All approved.

All boards are aware that calendars will be sold for \$5 in the future.

B. Packert presented the Status and Resolution Report, which included the CPC dues increase and the pocket calendar price increase. Beth also stated that the new CSHSD goals will be reflected in the S&R sheet in the November meeting.
Teacher Contract – ongoing mediation.

School Reports

GPFA: see monthly notes. Fund raising will be used to create a reading room.

LHSPTG: see monthly notes. New family meeting had largest turnout so far.

WSSPTG: see monthly notes. New gym was dedicated to beloved former principal Ted Hilton who cut the ribbon.

CFA: see monthly notes. Next meeting will be in the Jr. High Library.

Arts Booster: see monthly notes. Raise funds for projects and senior awards dinner for those involved in the arts.

CA: see monthly notes. Bring in performances to enhance the curriculum.

FOCUS: Coordinator Marie Strunk spoke. Speakers for this year will include Kirk Martin and Rona Novik. Ms. Novik will speak on Social Emotional Learning. There will be other speakers discussing cyber bullying and transition.

Focus will now have a smaller board. The board will consist of two Co-Coordinators only plus parent liaisons from each school sitting on the board.

Seahawk Booster: Karen Walter spoke. Buy –a-Brick Campaign ongoing. Summer camps for volleyball and wrestling were held making a \$6000 profit. Plans include adding basketball next summer. Plan to sell banners which will be displayed for a year.

The concession stand will now be run by the Cold Spring Harbor Deli for a one year trial period then will return to the Seahawks Booster Club.

SEPTA: C. Goetjen, V.P. spoke. The SEPTA board has been restructured. Will now coordinate with Denise Campbell, Special Education Coordinator. Adding Homework Club to WSS and possibly GH. Will meet 1st Tuesday of every month.

Educational Foundation: S. DiNozzi spoke. Will have community service opportunities available.

Guest Speakers

Mr. Matuk spoke of lessening stress and anxiety levels. Has met or will meet with each grade level in gym regarding Code of Conduct with discussion tailored to each grade level. Met class officers or candidates.

There will be a mandatory senior meeting for seniors who will be driving to school. Safety is primary. Current student spoke to the students about his distracted driving accident.

Expressed appreciation for assistance of parent groups.

Mrs. Herschlein: 74 kindergarteners, 106/7 first graders, 18 new families. First day of school went smoothly with 90% of students riding buses to school.

There was a lot of professional development over the summer including iPad training for teachers.

Each grade developed a charter of how they want to feel and make sure everyone feels that way. All students will sign.

Ms. Massimo: Wonderful opening. 450+ students, 20 new students. Had shadow program for new second grade students. During the 1st few weeks of school there will be town meetings to talk about expectations. On LHTV now will be reading from teleprompter and have green screen technology.

The entire school was assigned the same book, Peace, to read over the summer. There will be a celebration for entire school about the book.

Adding street signs for halls relating to SEL work.

Dr. Wilansky: Speaking for K. Simon (out sick). Opening day at WSS included dedicating the new gym to Ted Hilton, Principal of WSS for 40 years. Added a third 3rd grade section. Able to recall an excessed teacher. Professional development over the summer concentrating on common core standards. Districts are accountable for helping students become more critical thinkers.

Mr. Contess: Common core test results will be on parent portal within next couple of weeks.

Dr. Wilansky: There was a shift in assessment and cut off scores but we actually are continuing to improve. Will educate the community regarding the scores. Answered question regarding getting help if need it. Have extended math classes for students who the school thought may need extra help.

Mrs. Bellino: Called all surrounding districts to see what they are doing in their schools. The shift in teaching needs to be in instruction and materials. New math program was brought in last year and was refined over the summer. Teachers had three solid days of development.

Discussed the 11th grade regents. For this school year and possibly next year the students will take the common core English regents as well as the existing regents and pick the best score. Math may be prepared to take the common core Regents only. Will make the decision to put students in the best advantage of assessments.

One third of teachers went to writing workshop college. Need to pay attention to transition grades – 6th -8th.

IPad update : Program will allow applications to be added to Ipads of individual students according to their needs. Will target special education starting with 1st grade, then 3rd, 4th and 7th and 8th.

Stephanie Di Nozzi : Met with non student community members regarding the Education Foundation.

New Business:

Genevieve Cimino asked for a visit with Spanish Department regarding Spanish instruction for 7th grade class since they were the first group who had FLES.

Question regarding what happened to Mrs. Campos. She went to Plainview/Old Bethpage for a department chair position.

October meeting will discuss Common Core

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15. Motion to adjourn G. Cimino and L. Starkins