**CFA Minutes**

***April 14, 2015***

Meeting held at the JRH Library at 12:05pm

In attendance: Nancy Israeli, Ana Shammah, Wendy DeShutter, Dianne Breitstone, Lorena Munyak, Kerith Freidberg Mr. Matuk, Mr. Monastero

**Guest Speakers** Helen Daly, Joey Waters, Mrs. Halloran, Ms. Cherkis and CSH students

Minutes reviewed and approved by: Wendy DeSchutter and seconded by Nancy Israeli

**Presentation by Mrs. Halloran’s Leadership Class**

LAX out for ALS. CSH students are going to join others to continue the next phase of the ice budget challenge. CSH students have partnered with the Robert Packard Center and Northport High School to be part of a volunteer community that empowers students to make a difference. Boy’s Varsity Lax will vs. Locust Valley on Wednesday, April 29th. T-shirts are for sale at $10. Go to the website to donate [www.teampackard.com](http://www.teampackard.com)

**President’s Report**- Nancy Israeli

* CFA Slate for the Executive Board was presented and was not challenged by the members present.

**President:** Wendi DeSchutter

**VP Comm**: Dianne Breitsone

**VP Membership**: Nancy Israeli

**Secretary**: Lorena Munyak

**Treasurer**: Sheila Acker

**Co-VPs Jr. High**: Genevieve Cimino and Christina Lewis-Goetjen

* SIT nominations form are on the website- due Thursday
* Yankee Doodle Circus raised almost $500. This is the last year for this event
* Literary Lunch was a huge success. There were 73 raffles. It raised close to $15, 000. The committee is in need of chairpersons ASAP. The current chairs will be able to guide and assist. Mr. Matuk will speak with John Contess regarding the use of Podcasts for kids to view events in the future. Mr. Bongino currently uses You tube for athletics.

**Guest Speakers**- Joey Waters

* Summarized Hudson Taylor’s visit at the Jr./High School. The kids had a great response; they connected well with his message.
* FLAG- a new club. Fight Like A Girl. A few students had an idea to develop a forum where discussions about women in society, feminism, women issues etc. could be raised. They want the opportunity to discuss how such topics relate to daily issues faced in the schools today. 50 plus students showed to the first meeting. Kids will meet Wednesday’s after school. Facilitated by Mrs. Glynn and Ms. Joey Waters. Open to boys and girls.

**Principal’s Report-** Mr. Matuk:

* Club meeting dates are in the handbooks, but if they get changed an announcement is made in the mornings. Kids are encouraged to participate in a club even if kids are involved in a sport. If any concerns arise, please call Mr. Matuk. Share information.
* PSAT’s testing will take place during the week in the fall. 4th period. State requiring public schools to offer the test during the week in order to catch a bigger audience. Such testing takes up time and it becomes costly. The community should be informed.
* CSH is a testing site for the SAT
* The FDA approved Palcohol. Palcohol is a powdered form of alcohol, which is odorless and colorless. It can be placed in a drink- juice, water or soda. It is now being discussed in NY State for sale. Several states have banned this product. There are major concerns regarding the misuse of the product by young people.
* Contact your local assemblyman and senator to reject this product.
* Board of Education meeting tonight.
* Robotic team is going to nationals. 16 kids
* Incoming Jr. High Parent Orientation Meeting is at the PAC at 7pm.

**Vice Principal ‘s Report-** Mr. Monastero

* 8th grade Washington Trip Parent/Student meeting is on 5/12 at 7pm at the PAC. There will be 4 students in a room. Walking guides are licensed and the trip is very regulated. Kids really enjoy this trip and CSH is also well received.
* ELA’s – more 20% in our school district opted out. 60-70% in other school districts. Testing is a huge undertaking. Negative aspects: dipstick testing, targeting mainly the metropolitan areas, withholding funds, AIS services increase and along with costs.

**Cultural Arts**- Pam Hansen

* The Whiffenpoofs of Yale scheduled for April 17, 2015 from 7-8:30 sponsored by the Arts Booster Club and Cultural Arts Committee.
* Volunteers are needed for the Cultural Arts Committee and to serve on their board. Tricia Hammond is in charge this year.
* Drama club has Ray Rodriguez scheduled to come in to perform stage combat for the students this Wednesday, which will conflict with the Code of Conduct Meeting. He is scheduled to come next week too.
* Booster club award scholarship applications are due this Friday.
* Dinner at Harbor Mist scheduled in May.

**Seahawks Booster Club**-

* March 2, 2015 is their annual fundraiser. Casino night at the Huntington Country Club from 7-10pm. Beer/wine will be served. All proceeds go to the Athletic Department for purchase of new athletic equipment.

**Guest Speaker FOCUS-** Helen Daly

Power Point Presentation by Helen Daly on START THE CONVERSATION

**CPC meeting is this Thursday. Mrs. Bellino will be discussing APPR’s (Annual Professional Performance Review)**

**Ed Tech Fair is postponed**

Meeting Adjourned 1:25pm