

CFA Minutes – January 7, 2014

Meeting held in the JH Library. Guest speaker was Mr. Contess.

In attendance: Nancy Israeli, Janice Farynick, Wendy DeSchutter, Dianne Breitstone, Kerith Freidberg, Florie Marion, Ana Shammah, Mary Hooks, Mr. Matuk and 20 audience members

President's Report (N. Israeli)

- 1/28 Budget forum will be held at the District Office at 7:30 P.M. All are welcome.
- There was a discussion regarding the new name for the CSH High School turf field. The new name is "The Lessing and Bouchard Field, Home of the Seahawks". In 2003 the Lessing and Bouchard families very generously offered to completely finance the construction of a state of the art turf field. They then donated the cost of the 2013 replacement of the turf field. There was discussion regarding why the name couldn't stay the Seahawks Field in light that it is a public institution.
- *Yankee Doodle Circus* is coming to the school on Sunday, March 2 at the Fieldhouse at 1:00. Tickets are on-sale online at GetCircusTickets.com. \$14.75 a ticket for one adult and 2 children (under the age of 14). Tickets at the door are \$18.00 per adult and \$6.00 for kids. It should be a great event! Part of the proceeds will go towards helping to fund an art glass showcase at the High School.

CPC Meeting (H. Daly)

Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 1/9 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Office. All are welcome.

Septa

Septa Meeting 7:00p.m. on 1/7 at the District Office. We need everyone's attendance to renew our charter.

Guidance (Ms. Cambria)

- Open enrollment will continue whereby students can request to take an advanced/AP class (it used to be they would need a teacher recommendation). While she still thinks it is a good idea, some freshmen took on very heavy schedules. She said that students who don't take AP classes in 9th grade will still get into good schools and students can wait until 10th grade. She asked attendees to please pass this information along.

VP Committees (W. DeSchutter)

- Literary Luncheon is on Wednesday, 3/26. (Note, the date changed from 3/19.) The speaker is Josh Marshall, an award winning journalist and blogger. It will be held at the Huntington Country Club. We need donations for raffle baskets. Please contact Connie Goldman and Lauryl Palatnick, the committee chairs. Baskets need to be firmed up by the end of February. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 1/14.

Junior High Report (D. Breitstone and K. Freidberg)

- Junior High dance, "The Dance of the Year" on 1/10, Friday 6-9 p.m. It's a celebration of the New Year. Vote for the 2014 King and Queen! Dress is formal attire but not required. \$15 admission at the door. Need 4/5 volunteers.

Cultural Arts Report (R. Manos)

- Irving Roth came to the school in November and discussed his life as a Holocaust Survivor.
- Cliff Mendelson, a ceramic artist, presented to the 7th grade art classes, "Day-in-Clay" Native American Vessel building on 12/5 & 9. On Tuesday, 12/10, he presented to the 9th grade art students his Multicultural Potter's wheel demo.
- Dan Welden came in December.
- Marcus McLaurin, former editor of Marvel Comics, will come back for two presentations in the PAC on Jan 21. He will discuss the history of comic book illustration and writing and focus on the importance of storytelling in comic art. All are invited.

Technology Presentation to CFA (John Contess)

- Technical Infrastructure key milestones:
 - * Hired a technical director (in 2006 we didn't have one)

- * Created a digital art lab
 - * Created a technology lab
 - * Replaced all desktops/laptops
 - * Implementing district wide/staff network resources
 - * Upgraded our servers
 - * Internet access from 50 to 100 mb
 - * 21st century classroom project complete (i.e. smartboards)
 - * Started pilot program at Lloyd Harbor with I pads
 - * I pad carts for Science, English, etc.
 - * Added individualized learning, i.e., Espark
- Virtual Enterprise course was added this year. It's a double period course and students run a business. A short video of the class was shown.
 - Espark – Learning is tailored to an individual student. It is I pad based. Applications are selected by Espark based on the student's needs. It creates a personalized curriculum. It has been rolled out this year to specific grades at the elementary schools for Math and ELA. I pads are shared. Students have some time during the day to work on it.
 - Virtual Desk Top – Alleviates the need to replace computers every five years which was not cost effective. We built a stack of servers. We have desktops connected to the data center where we have all the latest updates. Students can now access the "big stack" at home. We average about 80 students a night accessing it. We know they are doing school work because there is no social media on the CSH Virtual Desktop.
 - Ebook – another use for I pads where students create online books.
 - Mr. Contess gave an overview of the school website. He showed how to connect to the CSH Virtual Desktop. He also demonstrated how to view the BOE Portal and view all historical meeting minutes going back to the 1950's!