

CFA Minutes
September 9, 2014

Meeting held at the PAC started 12:11pm

In attendance: Nancy Israeli, Ana Shammah, Mary Hooks, Wendy De Shutter, Dianne Breitstone, Kerith Freidberg, Lorena Munyak, Mr. Matuk, Mr. Monstero

Minutes reviewed and approved by: Lolita Reichbach, Wendy De Shutter

President's Report- *Nancy Israeli:* Overview of activities/events and introduction of the board.

- Fundraising- value drugs 3%, Innsbrook, membership supports much the CFA budget. Yankee doodle circus Sunday 3/1/15.
- Faculty breakfast 9/16/14 contact Nancy Israeli for donations items to be delivered 7am
- Back to School Nights: HS 10/2/14 and JHS 10/9/14.
- CFA meetings will be held in the JHS library at noon.

Communications- Janice Farynick: Directories and mini calendars for sale at \$5.00 each.

VP Committees-Wendy De Shutter:

- Trish Colon is the committee chair for the cookie bake 12/10/14.
- Staff appreciation lunch 4/29/15
- Literary Lunch is 3/18/15 at the Huntington Country Club.
- Committees meetings are held once a month.

JHS Report: Dianne Breitstone/Kerith Freidberg: upcoming events Halloween nights JHS dance 10/31/14 6:30-9:00. Co-VP's welcome and encourage new ideas.

Principals's report -Mr. Matuk

- 970 students 27 new student from last year. 7th class much smaller. 30 new families since may 1. Orientation for new families.
- New program: student assistant program. Drop in room for high school kids. Developed as a student lounge with trained staff to engage kids in conversation about any issues they want to talk about. Part-time SW available.
- MAC computers in Ms. Olsen room

- Art gallery- glass enclosures
- Improved security: new camera system, new databases to identify offenders.
- BBQ/Beautification projects- intent was to ensure student confidence when transiting to JHS.
- Caumsett State Park activity with 8th graders: activities compassed trust building exercises. Debriefing at the end of the program. Students verbalized positive outcomes. Efforts to establish social emotional learning.
- Senior safe driving: eye opener about staying safe. Open to parents 9/15/14
- Parent/Teacher interaction: Encourage parents to call teacher with any concerns.

Mr. Monstero

- Goals of the summer activities were to enhance comfort and confidence with the incoming JHS students and to soothe transition.
- Caumsett State Park Activities: kids were separated into small diverse groups WS/LHS students worked together to problem solve.
- Parent/teacher interaction: Encourage parents to call to solve issues at the time of concerns

Cultural Arts -*Lisa Basil*

- Cultural Arts is funded by the district and CFA
- First program journey into Indian day territories'
- 10/1 Civil War Regimen
- 10/7-8 Writer's workshop
- Meeting held once a month and open to parents.

Seawhawks booster club- *Karen Walter*

- Club supports-message board, golf carts, 7th grade orientation, senior field day, and assistant coaches etc.
- Membership
- Summer camps instituted for fundraising. It was very success. Varsity awards dinner, fall fundraiser, meeting tomorrow in the library, clothing sales online
- Athletics facility for a gym

Arts Booster- *Pam Hansen*

- Photograph essay program
- Purchase of new cameras
- Spring Mari Gras fundraiser
- Art Gallery – fundraising monies partially funded.

Educational Foundation-Stephanie Di Nozzi (independent collaborative organization) Brief overview of the Educational Foundation. Restructuring and revamping the website.

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Meeting adjourned: 1:10pm