

## **CPC MINUTES~SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

### **May Minutes Approved by Gloria Godsell and Wendi DeSchutter**

### **CPC Chair Report – September 7, 2017**

Submitted by Nicole Prizzi

Welcome back to school!

As we get back into our schedules and routines I want to take this opportunity to thank the group for taking the time to join the Central Parent Council (CPC) meeting. It is our goal to bring together families of the community, administration and staff and allow for relevant issues to be discussed and addressed. We want to always ensure that the meetings allow for open dialogue and a place people feel welcome. CPC meetings also provide a destination to hear about events happening in the district. Each month we will provide an update on district accomplishments and a recap of current issues/topics that raised with district administration.

Below is a brief recap of some of the work conducted over the summer in our district:

- Established 2017-2018 School District Goals which target the following areas. The draft can be found in the August 2017 BOE Agenda Packet: Instructional, Technology, Health/Wellness Safety, Facilities, Finance, Professional Development
- Review of district health curriculum as it relates to drugs and alcohol. District also updated policy to coincide with NY State requirements regarding banned substances.
- Reviewing Junior High support system: The school has now created a ‘counseling suite’ for Junior High students, relocated counselor to JWing, and will have a full time psychologist available in the Junior High office connected to the Nest.
- Working on creative learning labs for each school
- Reviewed teacher mentor program, Joey Waters will serve as Teacher Liaison
- Continuing review and assessment of Language / FLES programs

To bring a topic to the CPC please feel free to discuss during the “Parent Issues/New Business” portion of our agenda OR contact one of the CPC Board Members below.

- Nicole Prizzi: Chair
- Sarah Trust: Vice-Chair
- Colleen Haskell: Secretary
- Jill Seiman: Treasurer

This year our scheduled speakers will discuss relevant topics to our district and the growth of your child. Our plan is currently as follows, subject to change based on speaker availability:

- **October**: Presentation from principals on first month of school and brief overview from Dr. Bellino on the education report.
- **November**: Update on Health Curriculum updates & recap from FOCUS presentations
- **May**: Guidance report

I look forward to experiencing this year with everyone!

Regards,

Nicole Prizzi



CENTRAL PARENT COUNCIL  
COLD SPRING HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATUS AND RESOLUTION REPORT - September 7, 2017

DISTRICT ITEMS 2017-2018 DISTRICT GOALS – ONGOING, adopted July 11, 2017 (see Board website for full goals handout)

Instructional Goal

- To examine and further develop our current K-12 curricula to ensure cohesive instruction aligned with Next Generation English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and the Social Studies C-3 Framework,
- To develop a K-12 research and writing continuum to ensure that all students are engaging in thoughtful and original research at all levels.
- To further enhance our Science Research program to provide interested students with the opportunity to engage in high level research and compete in national science competitions (Siemens, Regeneron, etc.)
- To examine our current Junior High School program to determine if the structure of the time and support for our early adolescent students represents an optimal design.

Technology

To implement Creative Learning Labs in all elementary schools to support student learning, collaboration, critical thinking and research.

To expand our emphasis on thoughtful use of technology, including the establishment of the position of, Executive Director of Instructional and Administrative Technology, to support student-centered learning, small group instruction, and inquiry-based research for students at all grade levels.

Professional Development

To provide continuous and comprehensive support and professional learning through the implementation of a four year Mentoring Program for teachers new to Cold Spring Harbor.

**Health/Wellness/Safety**

To maximize the impact of our social and emotional programs, as well as that of the efforts of our staff, including a newly added psychologist at the Junior High Level, to promote healthy and safe decisions in our students.

To implement the Too Good For Drugs in the Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP) in grades 8 and 9 as a means of addressing the issues of drug and alcohol use.

Facilities

To revisit and review the next steps to improve our facilities to address academic, physical education, and wellness programs as well as the areas of security and energy efficiency.

Finance

To continue to navigate the impact of the tax cap and recent developments in the changes to state aid formulas to ensure the financial health of the district in the long-term.

TEACHER ITEMS

None

PARENT ITEMS

None

## OTHER DISTRICT ITEMS

### Code of Conduct

- Code of Conduct will now be three meetings instead of two, allowing for more age appropriate lessons in each of them. The meetings are divided by Jr. High, JV and Varsity.

### Pride Survey

- The district will conduct a Pride Survey which will include questions about bullying, level of comfort while at school, whether there is an adult the student is able to go to when issues arise. The survey also addresses issues of alcohol and substance abuse.

### Vaping

- Vaping will be addressed on the first day of school in a direct way. This will serve as notification of the policy so that all students are aware of the policy.
- Violations will be discussed with parents first, another violation will result in punishment.
- The policy has been adjusted to reflect vaping as a new use of tobacco/drugs and the agenda book has also been edited.

### Next Gen Standards

- The new directors of Humanities Theresa Donohue and STEM Meredyth Hansen will be working to address the standards with the teachers.
- There will also be a roll out of the new Social Studies Standards.
- The administration will also be working to ensure that research and writing are done consistently over the years.

### Curriculum Committee

- CPC and the Administration will work on a document to establish this committee for next year.

### Jr. High Programs

- The administration will be looking at supports and structures in the jr. high.
- The Guidance Counselor, Dr. Brown and a full time psychologist will be located in the J. Wing.
- There will be a revamping of orientation which will include team building activities. Nancy Dodo, a middle level consultant will be working with teachers to prepare for this orientation.
- 7th graders will now also have a trip to Caumsett for team-building.
- Teachers will be attending more middle level conferences.

### Science Research Course

27 children are signed up. 1/2 of them engaged in summer labs.

### Creative Learning Labs

- These labs have been constructed at West Side and Lloyd Harbor. Each has a sound proof booth for recording. The CSH ED Foundation has sponsored these.

- The goal is that all classrooms will look like this in the future.
- Goosehill's Library received similar furniture and additional technology.
- Similar spaces will be created in the Jr./Sr. High.

#### Athletics Schedule

- The administration and athletic director will look into providing students more flexibility in the jr. high so that an athletic commitment and a theater commitment aren't mutually exclusive.
- Wendi DeSchutter met with Mr. Bongino about sports scheduling during vacations.

#### FLES

- FLES teachers conducted a summer curriculum writing project.

#### Science Education

- STEM director will look at trajectory for students to determine placement for physics, evaluate earth science for all, determine timing for accelerated biology.

#### **Ongoing:**

##### *Returning Tests*

*Science education in elementary school*

*Sport Facility*

*Tutoring*

##### **Previous topics:**

*Athletics Scheduling, Busing, Class Sizes, CPC Accessibility, Drivers' Education, Downtime near holiday breaks, Drugs, Flood at HS, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll, 8th Grade Accelerated Math, Security,*

*Teacher recruitment & retention, Test Scores, Rankings, Lead Testing*

## **CPC MEMBER ORGANIZATION REPORTS- September 2017**

### **GOOSEHILL (GPFA)**

Goosehill is off to a great start with 213 students. Our Back to School Night is tonight, Thursday, 9/7/17 and our Welcome Picnic with bouncy houses, a DJ and pizza is tomorrow, Friday 9/8/17 from 4:30-6:30.

Please join us for our Welcome Tea on Wednesday 9/13 at 10 am.

### **WESTSIDE (WSSPTG)**

- West Side welcomed 10 new families and 13 new students this month.

- Our new outdoor play space, which was funded by the PTG, is ready for the children to enjoy at the start of the school year! This play area will be available to the children all year, as it is plowable in the winter months.

- Our Beautification Committee planted flowers in front of the school to welcome the staff and students at the start of the school year!
- Our West Side garden summer co-op went very well. Thanks to the families who volunteered to tend to the garden many delicious vegetables were harvested this summer. The tomatoes will be used to make sauce for our Tomato Sauce Day.
- Our first PTG Meeting/Breakfast will be held Monday, September 11th, beginning at 9am with our Committee Chair meeting followed by our general meeting.
- Our biggest fundraiser, the West Side Win cocktail party, will be held on October 13th at the Parziale residence. The winners of the raffle will be announced then. Thanks to Alison Monaco and Allison Standerwick for chairing this important event.
- We will welcome back families at Back to School Night, scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th.

### **LLOYD HARBOR (LHSPTG)**

The LHSPTG is excited for the new school year to begin! We hosted the New Student Orientation which was held on the 28th of August and welcomed 16 new families to our school. This event was organized by Jill Einhorn. It was highly attended and a great success!

September and October are busy months at LLOYD Harbor as we have many events coming up! The 2nd Grade Welcome was held on the first day of school, the Welcome Back Tea on September 14th, Back to School Night on September 27th, the Fall Festival in October and our annual fundraiser Lloyd Harbor Unites. This year we have changed our event and are holding the cocktail party at a private residence. We also have some wonderful raffle prizes that we are excited to share with Lloyd Harbor Parents!

We are looking forward to a great school year!

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (CFA)**

Welcome Back! September is always a busy month at the Jr/Sr High School.

Most importantly, we are welcoming our new Principal, Jim Bolen. Come meet him at our first CFA meeting of the year on Oct. 3 at 9:30am.

We are excited to have planned our first CFA Welcome Back Party. It is at the home of Sheila Acker on Friday, Sept. 15 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. There will be food and cocktails. Please stop by and say hello to old and new friends. If you are new to the Jr/Sr High School, stop by and meet some new friends.

The Code of Conduct meetings are scheduled for Sept. 6 (Varsity), Sept. 13 (JV), and Sept. 18 (Jr High).

Back to School Nights are Sept 14 (Jr High) and Sept. 28 (HS).

And finally, the CFA prepares a Welcome Back Breakfast for all the staff on Sept. 20.

## **SEPTO**

The Cold Spring Harbor Special Education Parent Teach Organization (SEPTO) is a new organization and 501(c)(3). CSH SEPTO is a district wide PTO. It is comprised of parents, teachers and administrators, who support a greater awareness of special education. The goal of SEPTO is to provide parents and teachers the ability to obtain information, discuss issues, and improve academic and social experiences for all of our children. SEPTO membership forms will be backpacked home for each of the lower schools and promoted through weekly communications.

Over the summer the new SEPTO board met and did the following:

- Last week we delivered Welcome Baskets to each school with supplies and special treats.
- Reviewed bylaws
- Creating a Parent Handbook with information about the Special Education process

Upcoming events:

- SEPTO will be a charity partner for the Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns. By using the code [www.therise.org/32855](http://www.therise.org/32855), you can support SEPTO and depending on the day and time you choose, you can save up to 50% of your order. The code is good for The Rise at Old Westbury Gardens and the new NYC location on Governor's Island. Any questions please email [cshsepto@gmail.com](mailto:cshsepto@gmail.com)
- Our first SEPTO meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 26th Meet & Greet with Special Education Staff in the District Office community room.
- Other Calendar Dates for 2017-2018 are:
  - Tuesday, September 26th – Meet & Greet with Special Education Staff
  - Tuesday, October 17th – Developmental Milestones & Your Child
  - Friday, November 17th – Taste of the Town, 7pm
  - Sunday, November 19th – SEPTO Private Movie Screening, Wonder, 10 AM
  - Monday, January 22nd – Reading Specialist\*
  - Tuesday, February 13th – Preparing for your IEP Meeting

## **CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE (CAC)**

For September, *Journeys in American Indian Territory* is coming to West Side School on September 29<sup>th</sup> for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **COLD SPRING HARBOR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (CSHEF)**

Thank YOU! Due to the amazing support of the community this was a very busy summer for the Foundation. Through the generosity of our supporters we awarded over \$200,000.00 in grants this past July-all going towards projects that touch every school in the district. Through our partnership with the District Leadership, and support of the Board of Education we are thrilled to be impacting the education of all students. See the exciting details below!

*Goosehill Primary School*

The addition of 24 iPads will enable ready access to digital and analog materials in the Library Media Center as well as the science room. Students and teachers will have

continued access to iPads in their classrooms, with additional access to class sets of iPads in both the Library Media Center and the science room. All spaces will house the necessary charging and storage units as well.

#### *Lloyd Harbor and West Side Schools*

Creative Learning Labs are being unveiled at Lloyd Harbor and West Side Schools this fall. The Foundation's donation of \$150,000.00 covers the cost of all technology equipment and furniture needed to realize the district goal of "Voice and Choice" for all students. In all, this project would support newly designed spaces in Lloyd Harbor and West Side Elementary Schools. The furniture and technologies mentioned will provide multiple opportunities for engaging in project-based learning across all disciplines. This consistent plan across our elementary schools will ensure that all students are impacted and experience this type of environment regularly.

#### *CSH Jr/Sr High School*

On August 24<sup>th</sup> all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades students picked up their personal Chromebooks. Once again as a result of our supporters who place education among their top priority, this year \$57,709.08 provided all students in those grades with a necessary tool to advance learning and college prep. This grant was in addition to the \$100,904.40 donated last year to fund Phase 1 of the initiative. That support provided 500 Chromebooks, 30 charging carts and 250 cases for use by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. This year those full set class carts will be available to the balance of the building for use in addition to the technology already available. Through use of these tools the District goal of increasing and expanding the integration of technology to enhance student learning, and support continuous cohesive curriculum for students is promoted.

Our students will benefit from all of the tools and devices listed above by learning:

- Technology Skills: ability to navigate online learning environments
- Data/Information/Creation: ability to identify and utilize available information resources that support the development of their digital literacy skills
- Collaboration: ability to collaborate with one another and with experts around the world both online and in-person.

This access will also allow teachers to enhance instruction through use of blended learning models, increase opportunities for personalized learning and support collaborative project-based learning and research.

We are looking forward to another great year and hope you will join us in supporting our children.

#### **FOCUS**

On 10/19, Dr. Dewey, neuroscientist, will be our speaker, to talk about the effects of substance use. Daytime session for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders and an evening session will be open to the community.

Also, all parents will be given a drug/alcohol pamphlet at Back to School Night. We recommend that you share it with your children.

#### **ARTS BOOSTER CLUB (ABC)**

Nothing reported



## **SEAHAWKS BOOSTER CLUB (SBC)**

Our first meeting will be next Wednesday at 7pm. Please consider joining our membership. It cost \$50 and helps support the athletic department. We also raise money by selling apparel, banners, and brick sales.

## **SPEAKERS**

Jim Bolen, Principal of Jr/Sr High School

- goal to create learning based in creativity and collaboration
- team based approach to discipline
- So far, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Caumsett trip, class-wide assemblies
- Teacher feedback included positive attributes are students, staff, and sense of community
- potential for the use of FLIP classrooms

Theresa Donohue, Chair of Humanities

- English and Social Studies are life skills (reading & writing)
- Goals-work on next generation English standards and social studies framework and inquiries
- Looking to align to k-12 approach to writing & research

Meredith Hansen, STEM Director

- align the elementary schools
- high school science research course, 27 students enrolled (almost all of which are taking chemistry in 9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- next gen standards

Superintendent Fenter

- Rolling out a parent app for Canvas
- Creative Learning Labs in the elementary schools will be launched to parents at the November PTG meetings

## **PARENT ISSUES/NEW BUSINESS**

Eating in class at HS? Students should check with their teachers and be able to work something out. A lesson in self advocacy. (G.Massa)

Graduate survey-good source of feedback on the district. Board of Ed is looking into it. (C. Samuels)