

CPC FEBRUARY 1, 2018 MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order by Nicole Prizzi at 9:08am.

November 2, 2017 Minutes Approved by Jill Seiman and Seconded by Wendi DeShutter

Central Parents Council Agenda

February 1, 2018

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome, Call to Order – CPC Chair, *Nicole Prizzi*
3. Approval of Minutes for November 2nd, 2017 Meeting* – CPC Secretary, *Colleen Haskell*
*There was no meeting in December 2017 and the January 2018 meeting was cancelled due to snowstorm.
4. CPC Chair Report – CPC Chair, *Nicole Prizzi*
5. CPC Treasurer Report – CPC Treasurer, *Jill Seiman*
6. CPC Status and Resolution Report – CPC Vice Chair, *Sarah Trust*
7. Guest Speaker - Denise Campbell and HS Guidance Counselors
8. School Reports:
 - Goosehill School (GPFA)
 - Lloyd Harbor School (LHSPTG)
 - West Side School (WSSPTG)
 - Jr./Sr. High School (CFA)
 - Arts Booster Club (ABC)
 - Cultural Arts Committee (CAC)
 - Families of the Community United with Schools (FOCUS)
 - Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)
 - Seahawks Booster Club (SBC)
 - Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation (CSHEF)
9. Parent Issues/New Business
10. Next Meeting:
 - Thursday, March 1st at 9:00am
11. Important Dates:
 - Winter Break: Monday, February 19th – Friday, February 23rd
 - BOE Meeting: Tuesday, February 13th at 8:00pm
 - Petitions to run for BOE: Due mid-April at District Clerk office
12. Meeting Adjournment – Nicole Prizzi

CPC Chair Report – February 1, 2018

Submitted by Nicole Prizzi

As we transition from the beginning of the year and set goals for ourselves and our children it is a good time to reflect. Our administration is working continuously through the school year and through professional development days for staff to share learnings with one another and continually review program offerings. As part of the CPC board we communicated with administration that we hope to strengthen the parent/school communication so parents in the community have a better sense of what their children are learning.

Below is a recap of the December and January meeting with CPC board and Mr. Fenter.

- **Health & Wellness:**
 - The district is looking at various ways to test program effectiveness for the Drug/Alcohol education programs.
 - District will work with staff to determine best way to promote home connection / communication with parents on certain pertinent health lessons.
 - District will review staff training and instructional approaches as it relates to certain health and wellness topics
 - At the April Board of Education meeting the district staff will provide an update and overview of the work done to address the district goals for 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 of our students.
 - To implement the Too Good For Drugs into the Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP) in grades 8 and 9 as a means of addressing the issues of drug and alcohol use

- **Reading and Writing Curriculum:** CPC Board discussed current landscape for Reading/Writing. CPC board discussed ways teachers are currently communicating student assignments. Much of the reading / writing is done in the classroom and assignments are accumulated and provided to parents at periods of time during the school year. Discussed potentially having workshops for parents to understand curriculum. Also discussed idea of having afterschool clubs to support writing skills, such as “Newspaper” club.

- **Tutoring:** Discussed tutoring in the community and the personal choice for some parents depending on the need of the child or topic.

- **Student Conduct:** Discussed ways in which the student manual can be communicated to students and parents in addition to the using the planner.

- **Creative Learning Labs:** Lloyd Harbor and Westside have been collaborating and findings ways to determine best lessons that lend themselves Creative Learning Lab environment.

- **District Safety Committee:** The Safety Committee met and reviewed topics such as evacuation, practice drills, internal procedures and external communications with Police Department. Additional review of specific policy/documentation will be hold later this year. Current information can be found on district website:
<https://www.csh.k12.ny.us/cms/lib/NY02214132/Centricity/Shared/Reports/District-Wide%20Safety%20Plan%20for%20CSH.pdf>

Regards,
Nicole Prizzi

**CENTRAL PARENT COUNCIL
COLD SPRING HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATUS AND RESOLUTION REPORT - February 1, 2018**

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

Bullying

- Parents are concerned about school approaches to bullying. The district is training teachers and administration in Restorative Justice which is an “approach to discipline that focuses on repairing harm through inclusive processes that engage all stakeholders. Implemented well, restorative justice shifts the focus of discipline from punishment to learning and from the individual to the community.
- At the jr/sr high level, students are assigned to the “Citizenship Room” after school for an hour. The staff works with students to help them make good decision and engage in reflective exercises. Ending at 3:30, students will have to explain to their coaches why they were late for practice.
- Parents questioned whether the administration is permitted to tell the victim’s parents what steps have been taken in dealing with the bullying. Mr. Fenter agreed to look into whether there were privacy issues.
- In response to student and parent concern about bullying issues, the High School held a 1/2 day of assemblies in which the Anti-Defamation League and Facing History and Ourselves gave presentations. Unfortunately, 1/3 of students failed to attend this important day of school.

OTHER DISTRICT ITEMS

Health

- FOCUS and the CFA hosted Dr. Stephen Dewey, a neuroscientist with the Feinstein Institute, for a discussion of the affect of drugs (from caffeine to heroin) not the brain. The 11th and 12th graders had an in school presentation and parents and other students attended at night.
- The district has added “Too Good for Drugs” program to LH, will do West Side after Christmas break. Too Good for Drugs is a 5-8 grade school-based program that gives students the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to make good decisions and avoid drug use.
- The high school will extend the Substance Abuse Prevention program to grades 11 and 12.
- The Administration held 1/2 conference day for the health teachers for grades 4,5, and 6.
- The Administration will be addressing parent communication at the elementary level between health teachers and parents. They are considering a Health related newsletter twice/year with students working to generate content.

Science

- There will be a Science Symposium for the science research program. The students will be sharing their work in May and parents will attend.

Technology

- Creative learning labs have been unveiled at Lloyd Harbor and Westside. Parents toured them at PTG meetings and students are starting to use them.
- The new website has launched. The site looks different depending on whether you are using a phone or computer or ipad. The site is ADA compliant which is why there is a lot of white in

the background. We suggested that there be quick links to the parent portal and the teacher websites.

Writing

- Parents raised the issue of whether teachers were adequately working on writing with elementary level children. Many of the teachers recently met with staff developers from Columbia Teachers College to train on proper implementation of the program.
- The administration will consider providing workshops for parents on the ELA and writing to further the home-school connection.

Budget Forum

- Mr. Stuccio gave his first presentation to the community on planning for the budget in our district and did a great job. Five people attended. Please make an effort to attend future budget discussions.

Assessments

- There have been several changes to assessments at a state level this year. The district will send out a letter outlining them. Some of the changes include that the tests have been shortened to two days instead of three. They are now un-timed, & the standards have been revised.
- Under ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), schools are required to have at least 95% of students taking the assessments. Last year, we had 20% opt out.
- Our schools are making adjustments to our own benchmark assessments, determining which tests are necessary in an effort to minimize testing.

Code of Conduct

- Parents have discussed the need for one, uniform code of conduct, not just an athletic code of conduct, but one that all students are subject to. There are several areas where rules and regulations are listed, including in the student planners, but parents suggested that a stand-alone sheet of paper that is signed by each student and parents would bear more weight.

Vaping

- Vaping was 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.
- Students have already received disciplinary action for vaping and offenders will continue to receive disciplinary action.

Curriculum Committee

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

Ongoing:

Class Sizes

School Lunch and Snacks

Returning Tests

Science education in elementary school

Sport Facility

Tutoring

FLES

Science Education

Athletics Schedule
Next Gen Standards
Code of Conduct
Pride Survey
Buses and underutilization

Previous topics: Athletics Scheduling, Busing, Class Sizes, CPC Accessibility, Drivers' Education, Downtime near holiday breaks, Drugs, Flood at HS, 7th Grade Honor Roll, 8th Grade Accelerated Math, Security, Teacher recruitment & retention, Test Scores, Rankings, Lead Testing

CPC MEMBER ORGANIZATION REPORTS- February 2018

GOOSEHILL

Everything is going well at Goosehill and we are staying busy with Family Fun Nights. The kindergarteners had a magician and tonight the first graders have Bubblemania. The January GPFA meeting had The Lice Fairies present-it was very informative and interesting. The February 7th GPFA meeting Mrs Herschlein will be doing a presentation on reading, FOCUS will present and the West side PTA to inform parents of next years volunteering possibilities.

WESTSIDE

Our first WSS PTG Meeting of the New Year was on January 8, 2018, and several 5th graders did an amazing job presenting what they are working on in our new Creative Learning Lab.

Our annual WSS Ice Skate Night took place on Sunday, January 21st, at the Syosset Woodbury Rink. It was an amazing night and all who attended enjoyed skating and hot cocoa!

The PTG donated drapes to WSS, enhancing the appearance of the stage.

Our next WSS-PTG morning Meeting will be on February 5th, followed by our next evening meeting on February 13, 2018 in our new Creative Learning Lab. This is a great meeting to attend especially for those parents who are not able to attend our monthly morning meetings. This was a wonderful opportunity for WSS parents to experience the Creative Learning Lab and to gain a better understanding of how it will enhance the learning experience for our children.

Upcoming events include Movie Night on Friday, February 9th. We will be showing Despicable Me 3 while enjoying pizza and popcorn.

We are in the process of initiating the Nomination process for the 2018-19 PTG Board.

LLOYD HARBOR

The annual book fair is today and tomorrow February 1st & 2nd. All are welcome to attend!! The next LHSPTG meeting will be held on Thursday February 8th at 9:30.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Happy New Year!

On January 17, 2018, Mr. Bolen and Ms. Campbell, with the help of students, planned a Youth Summit Day for all students, grades 7-12. The day was filled with speakers and workshops regarding LGBT issues, bullying, anti-semitism and racism.

Our annual Literary Luncheon is scheduled for April 18, 2018 at the Huntington Country Club. Our guest speaker is Martha Hall Kelly, author of Lilac Girls (a good book for your book club!). We are currently putting together raffle baskets and would appreciate any donations.

Our next CFA meeting is Tuesday, February 6 @ 9:30am. FOCUS will be joining us.

FOCUS

In the next few months FOCUS will be speaking at the PTG and CFA meetings. We will:

- Give an update on our campaign to increase drug & alcohol awareness in the schools
- Show a clip of a guest speaker that will be coming to the PAC next Oct -- Chris Herren **-October 16, 2018. Chris is a former NBA player and is a recovering heroin addict, who wants to address not just "the worse day, but the first day."**
- Recruit new members

Additionally, FOCUS had a successful meeting with Mr. Bolen & Mrs. Campbell in Jan to discuss how drug & alcohol awareness will continue to be addressed at our district. We feel confident administration is committed to this topic and that they are aware FOCUS is here, as a partner, to help. FOCUS aims to keep the momentum going.

SEPTO

Completed:

- **Presentation on Reading was held on January 22nd:** SEPTO hosted Dr. Connie Russo, an expert on childhood developmental and learning disabilities, including Dyslexia, Autism and Attention Deficit Disorder. Dr. Russo provided information on understanding what learning disabilities are - specific to reading. Included in Dr. Russo's presentation was a definition of what reading is, phases of development as it related to reading, Dr.Chall stages of reading development, neurologic factors related to reading, and she outlined characteristics of reading problems. For a copy of her presentation or her contact information please email us at: cshsepto@gmail.com

- **SEPTO raised about \$5000.** Funds raised are allocated toward student awards, teacher appreciation, and teacher wish lists. For the Special Education Teacher Wish List Program: Wish list were received and reviewed by the SEPTO board and Denise Campbell. The wishlist program offers district special education staff an opportunity to request items that are not available for purchase items that can enhance the learning environment for all students, not just those receiving services. The SEPTO board has granted almost every wish and items were delivered to the teachers at the end of December/beginning of January.
- **Wonder Poster Contest and Movie event November 19th:** SEPTO worked with staff and principals at Llyod Harbor and Westside to bring Wonder to life. Students created posters embodying the themes of the book such as #ChooseKind. In addition, some classrooms asked students to read the book OR for the younger grades the book was read aloud. 4 winners were selected (2 from each school) of the posters and invited with friends to attend the movie in addition to 2 raffle winners from the school.
- **The Taste of the Town Event was held on November 17th** and was a great success. We received donations form local restaurants to provide tasting menu. The following restaurants participated in the event: NY Garden Kabob, Sandbar, Honu Kitchen, Pronto Pizza, Mario's Pizza, Spring Street, PenelopeNYC, LaPiazza, Organic Crush, Sal D's, Harbor Mist, Joanina, Samurai, Kashi, Southdown Pizza, Burgerology, Chef Kristy, Chef Gail, Roar, Ivarone Brothers, Cupcakes by Linda Miller, the Cake Lady, and local CSH student Jackie Shammah.
- **On October 17th the district speech therapists and occupational therapist,** Devon McDevitt, Rachel Schnurr, Maria Fritz-Rodriguez and Pam Lawson provided an overview on developmental milestones. The presentation highlighted skills children are expected to have at different ages and grade levels. The presentation also provided tips and strategies to enhance interactions and homework productivity.
- **October-November: SEPTO held an American Girl Toy Drive** to benefit Yes She Can! an organization that collects American Girl dolls that are no longer played with and refurbishes them for resale. Yes She Can! works with young women with autism and related learning and social disabilities to assist with the doll intake, doll refurbishment, pricing, marketing, etc. teaching them valuable job skills to help them gain employment.

News / Updates:

- Our VP, Rhonda Sutaria moved to New Jersey. We are fortunate to have Suzanne Adelhardt come aboard and take on the role SEPTO VP for the remainder of the term, which ends June 2018.
- Lloyd Harbor Homework Club Registration is now open. The next session starts on February 13th and runs until May 24th
- SEPTO is working with CSH HS student to create a logo, more to come in coming months.
- *Upcoming events:*

-Preparing for you Child's IEP Meeting on Tuesday, February 13th @ 9:45 AM in the District Office Community Room. Session will provide a brief overview of the IEP process and provide tips on how to best prepare for your meeting

-March Book Club on Tuesday, March 13th @ 7pm. Book is: *Not What I Expected: Help and Hope for Parents of Atypical Children* by Rita Eichenstein PhD (Author). The group will review the book and there will be a guided discussion facilitated by Michelle Hogan, Marriage and Family Therapist. Only 10 spots are available on first come, first serve basis. RSVP to: cshsepto@gmail.com

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

Jr./Sr. High School: In January the Cultural Arts Committee was instrumental in providing the funds for the Youth Summit Day and on February 5 & 6 we have the Theater Works Living Voices Journey Into the Dust coming in for the 8th Graders.

Lloyd Harbor School: Petra Puppets (Math Mania) will perform for 3rd grade on February 15th.

West Side School: Bash The Trash did 2 separate assemblies for 2nd - 5th grades in January. The 5th grade will do a Skype talk with the author, Avi, in February.

SEAHAWKS BOOSTER CLUB

The Seahawks Booster Club is announcing a new pricing schedule for the Seahawks Sports Camps! Our camp price has been reduced to make it more affordable for all families. The price for one camp will be \$275 compared to \$300 last year. Our biggest change is to encourage campers to sign up for multiple camps. Athletes who sign up for a second camp will pay \$175. Athletes that sign up for a third camp will pay only \$50. Each additional camp for that athlete will be \$50. Registration opens on February 1st, 2018. For more information or to sign up, please visit our website at www.seahawkssportscamps.com. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Steve Forbes at sforbes@csh.k12.ny.us. Please sign up and support the booster club!

CSH ED FOUNDATION

Save the date for the POP party on Friday, March 16, 2018 at the Collector Car Showcase in Oyster Bay. Invitations are coming out. Also, future goals are to help fund a CLL in the Jr. High and to further support transformational learning.

***Please note items in bold were additions to the reports via meeting comments.**

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Denise Campbell discussed the many school resources available to the student and parents. There have been small group workshops and larger programs. Currently, there is a 6-week parenting workshop running with 15 enrolled parents. Other things they are

working on are parental strategies, SEPTO book club, Vaping speaker (this spring) and a comprehensive mindfulness program. Mrs. Campbell introduced two JH/SH guidance counselors to speak, Mrs. Pickering and Mrs. Conlon, who discussed the Mindfulness program. On 3/7, there will be a Mindfulness program for JH Parents and will include current 6th grader parents as well. They also shared a you tube video, Happify, illustrating the effectiveness of being mindful.

PARENT ISSUES/NEW BUSINESS:

Beth Packert suggested streaming BOE and/or CPC meetings. This would potentially increase participation. BOE member, Amy Brogran, said that they were looking into it.

Gussy Donohue brought up the idea to reeducate the parent body on Social Host Laws.

How can we all work together to decrease the pressure on our kids to drink and eliminate the availability throughout our community, at homes, etc?