**CFA Minutes**

***November 10, 2015***

Meeting held at the High School Library at 12:00pm

**In attendance**: Sheila Acker, Wendy DeShutter, Dianne Breitstone, Lorena Munyak, Genevieve Cimino, Christine Goetjen, and Janice Farynick, Mr. Matuk, Board of Education members: Amy Brogan and Ingrid Wright

**Minutes reviewed and approved by**: Nancy Israeli seconded by Sheila Acker

**Mrs. Halloran** spoke about community service and the National Honor Society for JRH and HS school students. Mrs. Halloran has a teacher website for community service information and community service ideas. Community service hours should not be use all in one place “basket”. A combination of outside service and in school service can be applied. Seniors need community service hours when enrolled in the AP social services classes such as policital science and government, it accounts for 10 hours attached to their grade. By May 1st  teachers usually start asking for student community service hours. Mrs Halloran will follow up with those seniors and classes. If the students go over their hours, Mrs. Halloran will bank them. They will receive 50 points for service and 50 points for a reflective paper. Points for elective classes will receive 5 hours. Those seniors who are in the National Honor Society need to stay in good standing. Seniors cannot double dip. JRS and HS student who are to qualify for the National Honors Society will need community service hours. It is advised not wait before the deadlines. Hours from the summer are acceptable. 10 graders are advised to get community service hours over the summer. 20 hours holistically are needed. The website is constantly being updated to provide community service opportunities. For example, the upcoming Holocaust-Genocide project will need volunteers. For National Honor Society applications, hours must be written on letterhead. If the community has a need for volunteers, please contact Mrs. Halloran to post service. Mrs. Halloran advises students to contact her to clarify valid hours.

**Wendi De Shutter**- President’s report

* Membership – currently is low this year with 279 families enrolled. The deadline to enroll is this Friday. The idea of using Hawk Talk was raised.
* Literary Lunch. The book and author have been selected. Laura Schroff ‘s An Invisible Thread. It Is a story of an 11-year-old panhandler and a busy sales executive and an unlikely meeting with destiny. English departments will have the book. The book will be in the library. The author will be at the Book Revue. Donations are needed for the raffle baskets.
* Cookie Bake December 9th. Drop off cookies in the morning. Volunteers needed.
* No December meeting.

**Christine Goetjen/ Genevieve Cimino** –Co-VP’s Junior High

* Halloween Dance was on October 30th and it was well attended. The haunted hallway was a hit. The next event is in January. The Snowflake Ball. The upperclassmen are in charge.
* The 8th grade parent guidance meeting is on the calendar for this Thursday.

**Guest Speaker: Joey Waters and Ms. Glynn**. Gave an update on FLAG. Fun day on Friday. The students presented in SUNY Old Westbury. 3 students presented. 400 people where in attendance. The student spoke about the need for a gender equality club in our school. Upcoming speakers will be Joey Waters’s mom, to speak on athletics – girls in sports November 18th. Discussions about changing the name of the club have been raised. Any thoughts are appreciated. The students raised an idea about a MOM panel to speak about their experiences. Book club meets once a month. Last month they met in the CSH Library because an author was presenting. Kerriann Flanagan Brosky -Historic Haunts of Long Island. Another book that will be discussed is -I am Nujood a girl from Yemen who was divorced at the age of 10. It’s an Easy read. The Holocaust –Genocide project. 40 students were in attendance along with Mr. Matuk. Talk about ISIS and Syria. Students were very engaged. Next guest speaker is scheduled for Monday, November 16th to talk about the Armenian- Genocide. The controversy surrounding calling it a Genocide. The social studies department has been involved with setting up community service and extra credit opportunities. GSA very busy, recognizing national coming out day, guest speakers, day of silence, an idea about a parent night was raised. They meet in H-19. Students can find out about a club meetings thorough Hawk Talk and morning announcements. Announcements are made in social studies and English classes.

**Mr. Matuk-** Principal’s report

* Workshop on the 23rd on social media. With all the issues currently going on in Kings Park and Colorado. Parents are invited. Periods 2-3 8:30-10am. There will be a 4-person panel. Each will give a 15minute presentation on their specialty. Will focus on the consequences of social media abuse. What are the backgrounds checks that are done? College’s use of social media for recruitment and monitoring of their athletics. What are the red flags for students when applying to College? There will be a Q&A. Students will be asked to voice concerns to evaluate for areas of improvement. High School only. Athletic Director Mr. Bongino and Mr. Matuk have talked about communication between coaches and student, team captains and team members. Technology is being reviewed to facilitate that.
* Dodge Ball Tournament is tonight. In the GYM. Come dressed in a character outfit.
* 7th graders want to start a cupcake club. They presented a formal power-point presentation. GMO- gluten free cupcakes

**Sheila Acker –Treasurer**

* Vote on Budget. Budget approved by members.

**Arts Booster- Stephanie Kelly**

* Currently the Art Booster Club has a full board. High School drama is this weekend. Senior High concert and Art Exhibition is on 12/2. Student volunteers needed for concessions.
* Dianne Breitstone will place notices on the CFA notes.

**Cultural Arts - Nancy Israeli**

* Veteran’s Day- Veterans spoke with the 7/8th graders yesterday and 11th graders today. Parents are encouraged to participate next year.
* Ed Foundation is hosting the BARN fundraiser. Held on Wednesday and Thursday November 18 and 19 from 10am-2pm. Proceeds will benefit the programs they sponsor to enhance our children’s educational experience.

**Meeting Adjourned 1:20pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Munya**k**