**CFA Minutes**

***October 13, 2015***

Meeting held at the JRH Library at 12:00pm

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

**Minutes reviewed and approved by**: Beth Packert seconded by Dianne Breitstone

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

* Literary Luncheon- committee meets every 1st Tuesday of every month. A speaker has been selected. Raffle items are needed.
* Membership – currently 300 members are enrolled. Many members joined at the back to school nights. However, the CFA is still short members. The use of Hawk Talk as a way for students to promote membership was raised. Another idea was to contact John Contess to send a blast email informing parents of CFA membership.
* Lloyd Harbor Fun Run is 10/25. Volunteers needed. Kids can work for community service.
* Mrs. Stephanie Kelly has committed to chair the Arts Booster Committee.
* Seahawks Booster Club Meeting is tomorrow at 7pm. This is an open meeting for all to attend. They are working on their spring fundraiser.
* Mr. Monastero will speak at the next CPC meeting regarding technology.

**Karen Caldas-** Cultural Arts

* In honor of Veteran’s Day the cultural committee invites veterans from the community to present lessons in U.S. history to our 7th-8 grades social studies classes and 11h grade U.S. history classes. The veterans volunteer their time for a full day. This event will take place on Monday, November 9th for (7th and 8th grade) and Tuesday November 10th for (11th grade). Breakfast and Lunch are provided. Parent volunteer are needed. Sign –up sheet are in the back. Donations for food items are needed and volunteers for clean up are also needed. Parents who are volunteering are invited to also come and listen to their stories and see how the students interact with the veterans.

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

* Halloween Dance is on October 30th. Children are highly encouraged to attend. The seniors will be working hard to make it a memorable event. There will be a costume contest, haunted house etc. Tickets are $15 sold at the door. Event is from 6-9pm with or without costume. There will be a D.J., pizza and refreshments. Faculty will be chaperoning. Parents can volunteer to serve pizza and refreshments. The committee is looking to decorate the front entrance with scary inflatables- requesting to borrow inflatables.
* The 8th grade graduation ceremony will stay as usual. There were talks about changing the ceremony to a BBQ or party.

**Mr. Matuk-** Principal’s report

* This week is SPIRIT week for the school grades 7th-12th. This year, changes were made to hold activities outside during the week- starting with the hula-hoop competition today. The goal is to engage the kids with a series of activities. Tomorrow foosball toss, Thursday is tug-of-war, Friday is potato sack race. Friday is Pep Rally and will complete the series of activities. Parents are welcome to come and stand by the sideline. Last year the robotics team brought their robot, sports teams came out to cheer; cheerleaders do a dance. Game is on Saturday. The goal for next year is to incorporate more traditional homecoming activities, such as a float. The plan is for a float to be in front of the school for kids to decorate. Get a mascot. Get a parent to donate a convertible for a Grand Marshall; possibly a marching band. A homecoming dance is not scheduled, because it’s not popular with juniors and seniors. There will be a King and Queen crowned at the pep rally.
* Club book- the book of clubs has been updated recently and copies were handed out at this meeting. The Club book will be accessible to kids and will be available online. There were a few clubs open to Junior high school kids. 8 more clubs were added to junior high grades 7-12. Some clubs will be still exclusive to Junior High kids. This year, the school newspaper will be open to Junior High School kids. 7-8th graders. This is to build a strong core group of editors and writers early on in order to gain a strong foundation in journalism by the time they enter 11-12 grades. 23 students will contribute to this month’s newspaper. Students are informed about clubs through Hawk Talk and through the advisors, on the screen at the entrance, texting/emailing advisors, and posts through morning announcements. Next year during the 7th grade parent orientation, a club fair will be set up for the kids. The kids will have the opportunity to learn about the different clubs and sign-up before the start of school.
* Cost of yearbook dedication pages. Questionable $350 for 1 page. $180 for ½ page. Mr. Matuk will inquire with sales representative. Yearbook currently is well made and colorful. The dedication pages are voluntarily but do currently offset the overall cost of the yearbook.
* School Improvement Team S.I.T. What is it? New York State set it up in 1995. The purpose of school improvement teams are to improve the educational performance of all students in the school through the collaborative participation of team members in the decision making process. The constituents are parents, teachers’ administrators and students. The State requires that each school have their own S.I.T. teams. Parents are selected by CPC. Open for any parent. S.I.T teams do not regulate a budget. The minutes are posted online for review. Goals are up to the team but with guidelines set by state. Goals that get incorporated into the curriculum are ideal goals. Goals like challenge days and Caumsett where developed through S.I.T.
* Next meeting November 10th – Mrs. Halloran will speak about community service opportunities and Joey Waters to speak about her school clubs

**Meeting Adjourned 12:53pm**