



Good morning everyone. A friend reposted the illustration above on Facebook and I can't think of a better way to explain what CPC is to newcomers. As parents we start off taking pictures at the bus on the first day of kindergarten and end up happy but a bit forlorn as our role changes when our children go off to college. It's the time in between that matters so much and it is my hope that we can do that as a cohesive and thoughtful group. This is the place for us to go to listen and be listened to, to learn and to share our knowledge. Please encourage fellow parents to come to our meetings and share what happens at our CPC meetings with your organizations so we can remain an important part of the Cold Spring Harbor Schools community.

Our goal this year as CPC board members is to make CPC as inclusive and encompassing as possible. We would love to have more GHS, LHS and WSS school input. It is also important to those parents to see what is coming down the pike at the Jr/Sr High School level. We would like to start on time each month and shorten our meetings. That said, in order to stream line our meetings we ask that school reports be kept to a three minute minimum. Please send your reports to Sarah Trust by the Tuesday before each CPC meeting so we can all read them ahead of the meeting. Rather than read your report, touch on important points that are new to the rest of the school district. Share upcoming events, especially those the district is invited to attend. We are hoping our guest speakers to discuss topics specific to CPC rather than hear the same information at multiple meetings. The CPC board will also be reviewing and amending our by-laws this year.

At our meeting with Dr. Wilansky we were told the district was waiting for the results of a fact finding report from an arbitration board. Hopefully this will move things in terms of settling the outstanding teacher contract.

The district continues to find a balance between educating the children and preparing them for the state examinations. Dr. W. feels it is especially important to not let the tail wag the dog.

The district will be sponsoring book talks for parents to discuss the difficult job of parenting.

I hope everyone has a wonderful year and now to begin the nitty gritty:

1. Calendars (should we go all color next year?)
2. Gifts to School District board members...a new direction.
3. What are your thoughts of a later start for the high school? Is it even possible?
4. Volunteers to chair CSHSD Staff Appreciation luncheon in March.

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