

October 12th, 2022 PTSA Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Board Members: Jen McPhee, Laurie Parness, Elizabeth Yuen, Kathy Boyle-Verderosa, Erika Servidio, Hisha Ewing

Principal: Debra Tarantino

PTA Council Regional Director: Shauna Wold

Parents: Elena & Patrick Egan, Deirdre Moore, Dora Gutierrez, Danielle Clancy, Roxana Morel

Student Representative: Sreeja Barua (sreejab@ccsd.edu)

Correspondence: Elizabeth Yuen

-Youth against Cancer-fundraiser

-Student Council needs to run fundraisers through correspondence to make sure it is a Legit fundraiser.

GO/Class Officers Representative Report: Sreeja Barua

-Freshman elections just completed>>>>

- *President:* Michael Grihelvo, *Vice President:* Eva Lerman, *Secretary:* Sophia LaScala, *Treasurer:* Adrian Wu

-Talking about a possible Winter Dance for the entire school.

-Fundraisers: Shake Shack, Restaurants, and Food trucks == Snack Shack on Monday & Thursdays until GO opens at school.

-Superlatives this year had a self-nominating option to help prevent bullying that has happened in the past. -20 categories currently, possibly limit those in future.

-Top 3 people were chosen rather than boy winner girl winner. -Awards were presented at Senior Buffet Luncheon in NJ from 2-4pm-about 130 kids present, DJ, dancing & pictures in addition to lunch.

Principal Talk: Debra Tarantino

-Recent ½ day at school where **Seniors** worked with Counselors and teachers on their college applications. **Juniors** took the PSAT, **Sophmores** the PACT, and

Freshman had a talk sessions with Senior students discussing different school activities like sports, clubs and theater. Did activities like building a Marshmallow Tower—teaching leadership, working together figuring things out. TED talk on this activity. --Then internet Safety/social media/phishing/networks/Sextortation/Cyberbullying/Anonymous Alert/Go Guardian (district subscribes to it—will get alerts for explicit websites or terms, etc) presentation by Principal Tarantino & Police Officers.

- Senior Luncheon today.
- Hispanic Heritage Month this Friday during lunch periods through World Language and National Honor Societies. Food, Games, prizes, photo booth
- Touchdown Club Pep Rally next Tuesday 6:30-8pm Final Football game the following Friday.
- October 18th & 25th College Tables for 11th & 12th graders during extended homerooms in Lobby.
- Student threat on Snapchat ruled as NONCREDIBLE.
- Pledge is done during 2nd Period with select announcements. Daily Announcements online at school website.
- Student Government meets on Mondays to discuss fundraising events to offsite activities. They discussed Winter Ball vs Homecoming Dance; North Homecoming 10/22/22. South's last Homecoming dance about 5 years ago only had 80 Freshman out of 1300 students in school. Kids wanted to go to "boat dances" which is not school run -organized by students & parents.

GO opens in October. Mr. Paul in charge of GO.

Homecoming was in Lobby, DJ upstairs, Decorated by GO, had food, dancing, photobooth.

President Report: Jen McPhee

- Considering selling Magnets and Spirit Wear in person at Parent Teacher Night.
- JV Cheer asking for support of Touchdown Club Pep Rally 9outside of school)
- There is a NYSPTSA Teaching College Scholarship coming up. Students can apply on Naviance.
- Fundraising continues through Spirit Wear & Restaurants.
- Hudson Valley PTSA Fall Conference Workshops-Shauna Wold-Regional Director
- Letter out from Dr. Baiocco –Thought Exchange Committee input; open to Parent feedback.
- Interested to organize a Clap Out for Seniors this year.

- Trying to find an area in school to make a Senior Lounge. No open classrooms available; Spirit & Strive classroom x 6. OT room. Anthony Valente= Buildings & Grounds person. -School is also rented out for many non -school functions.
- Thinking of bringing back Homecoming and/or Winter Ball.

Treasurer Report: Laurie Parness

- **Budget passed all in favor.**
- AIM Insurance went up \$50 to \$350
- Used 2 Lawn Signs this year for “Welcome Back” Announcement
- Scholarship PTA council expense went up from \$600 to \$1200.
- School pictures \$4600 last year
- Money left over from last year; will consider putting it towards a senior lounge.-- \$11,000 allocated to a possible Senior Lounge.
- \$620 each grade Gifted to classes. Each grade has an account, will confirm with Charlie Lee

Council Report: Shauna Wold

- New Council President=**Sonal Caceres**
- Meeting tonight-No new info**

Committees:

Membership Committee: Elizabeth Yuen

- Target 408 Members, currently have 312. 159 Students; 19 Teacher Staff, 134 family members. -Can we advertise to each class? - promote on Instagram-We won the early bird membership award for reaching 50% of membership goal!
- ? help the kids run the GO? Mrs. Tarantino will speak to Mr. Greavan if parents can help run it in September; maybe sell Spirit wear there as well.
- Can't use CCSD student email to sign up.
- Membership supports promoting clubs & fundraiser; primarily focused on Scholarship and Grad nite activities.

Reflections Committee: Kathy Boyle (Verderosa)

- Reflections Theme: Show Your Voice
- Submission Deadline November 14th, 2022
- Will advertise on Daily Announcements, school hallways, Instagram & possibly Remind.

Fundraising Committee: Hisha Ewing

-Spirit Wear will be opening again soon- Hoping to have some New options for sale—August we made \$154.91. Diane was Contact person at Store, she is now gone and Chris is the new contact person...he is new in this position. Hoping to have store open late October.

-Food Fundraiser's-Napoli's, Burger Loft, Bagel Boys, River Court, Dom's ToGo
-Possible Valentine's Day Dance-? Elk's Club, possibly rent out a venue-? bowling

Grad Night Committee: Erika Servidio & Hisha Ewing

-Grad Nite is a school party non-alcohol, supervised...last nite together as Seniors

-**West Rock** has moved to **Carmel**, NY = 55minute bus ride>parent would have to drive to pick up sick child; also, might have to miss "family dinner" since a long ride.

-Looking into other options so kids do not have to travel so far—

Kruckers in **Pomona** >Outdoor area with covered pavilion, Sports, DJ, Food, Stage> Would be a daytime event.

-**Patriot Hills** Clubhouse in **Stony Point** > \$50 per student including food; virtual reality Golf, Volley Ball, Flooring for dancing, DJ, ? Hypnotist, Decorations.

-**Powerhouse** in **NJ** too small of a venue.

-? Possibly **Vision Sports** in **Pearl River**

-Survey will be sent to Seniors to see what preference would be.

-Blingo =Main fundraiser to help fund Grad nite.