

COMMACK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA
Minutes of Meeting Held September 21, 2023

- I. **Call to order:** 9:30 a.m. Pledge
- II. **Approval of May Minutes** – Approved
- III. **Principal's Report – Dr. Larson**
 - Welcomed everyone back and said that the year is off and running to a great start.
 - We are getting the 6th graders acclimated to the building
 - Parents came for 6th grade open house last night to walk their children's schedules and meet their teachers.
 - The 6th graders are using their lockers and they are encouraged to do so.
 - Grade 7 & 8 open house will be taking place next Thursday 9/28.
 - Planning PBIS Kick Off (Positive Behaviors Intervention and Support). This is a positive message campaign where all the grades will do activities to support one another
 - Students will also be working on Community Connections where they will write letters to people who provide service to our community
- IV. **Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Agovino & Ms. Martin**
 - **Mr. Agovino**
 - Oct 20th is the Fall Festival. It will take place after school until 4:45 so the students can make the late bus. This is for the 6th graders.
 - Tickets will be sold outside the cafeteria during lunch periods.
 - GO cards will be on sale during lunch periods as well for \$10 starting 10/16.
 - Student Government will be having their car wash on Saturday and Cleanup the Courtyard on 10/21.
 - Pumpkinpalooza – Students bring in carved pumpkins that will be lit on the 26th of October. This is a great event that all of the community can come and see.
 - Yearbook pictures taking place on 10/12 & 10/13 during gym periods. Picture retakes will be in January.
 - Some clubs are up and running. Most of them will be starting in October.
 - Intramurals started last week and take place on Tues/Wed/Thurs in the gym.
- V. **Presidents Report – Marta Sliwska**
 - Welcomed everyone back and the board introduced themselves.
- VI. **Vice President's Report – Jennifer Engheben & Linda De'Angelis**
 - **Council Report – Jennifer Engheben**
 - **Superintendent's Report** - Smooth opening. Introduced Commack Star Award to 3 staff members that go above and beyond: Lindsey Persichilli, Dr. Heather Leggio & Jessica Scott. Beautiful 9/11 ceremony held at CHS. Commack Heroes game/Soccer Under the Stars will take place Oct.11th. Increased security presence at schools. Piloting Alternative School program @ Cedar Rd. school. Redefining what school looks like @CHS. 75% of graduating seniors take college level courses @ CHS.
 - **Community Relations Report** - Deb Virga will be attending Oct. PTA meetings. In Nov. - senior citizens will be invited to dinner & show @ CHS and a musical in March. Police smart assemblies will be in schools. 852-HATE to report hate crimes. 852-COPS to report suspicious activity.
 - **Vice President's Report** - Northwell Health has parent workshops
 - **President's Report** - needs SBMT reps, membership chair, Health & Safety Rep., Council Rep., Nutrition Rep. & SEPTA re. At 1st meeting, form nominating, founder's day & audit committees. As

per bylaws, all officers must attend training. Zooms offered at \$5 per person. 9/26 - Pre/VP, 9/27 - Treasurer, 9/28 - Secretaries.

○ **Committee Reports -**

1. Blood Drive Nov. 14th @ CHS 10-8 & May 8th @ CMS 1-7
2. 4/7 Commack Community Night @ NY Yankees.
3. District Action Awareness - Town contemplating pools and parks staying open past Labor Day. Huntington restaurants raising \$ for L.I. Cares food bank.
4. Founder's Day will be Thurs. 2/1 @ CMS. Vote @ membership meeting: 1. Do away with the point system for HLM award? 2. Let any unit nominate DSA? (need to have received HLM)

● **Board of Education Report – Linda De'Angelis**

- Next BOE Meeting: 10/12/23 7:30 @ CHS
- Security enhancements in the form of new security cars are in place at all buildings. These were already present at the High School. They are there prior and after school as well to cover the SCOPE hours.
- Capital Project Update - CHS library and cafeteria spaces were redone. The cafeteria enhancements were not part of the bond but were funds reinvested from the lunch program. The ductwork for air conditioning in large instructional spaces has been completed and the units are expected to arrive in the spring. They will be installed as soon as practical. Pickleball courts will hopefully be completed soon; parts were delayed that need to be installed prior to the concrete pouring.
- Staffing Highlights - There is a new Director of World Language & ENL and a Chief Network Engineer. An additional section was added to CMS 6h grade, as well as IH kindergarten. There was also a new teacher job fair which was well attended. All grant funded positions were maintained. The Learning and Development Academy which is meant to support new teachers has been extended to second year teachers as well.
- The Legislative Advocacy Committee is in its 7th year and will be having its first meeting on 10/16.
- The Multicultural Committee is accepting applications for new members. Please apply via the website by 9/15 if interested.

VII. **Treasurer's Report/Approval of 2023-2024 Budget – Noel Darvassy** – All were in favor and the budget was approved.

VIII. **Correspondence – Alexandra Tsoiilis** – Nothing to report

IX. **Student Council Report – Mary Cherney**

- Go Cards will be on sale during lunch.
- Student Government will be walking in the Homecoming Parade on 10/7.
- Yearbook Sales have begun. There are signs up with QR codes to order.
- The Leaders Club is for all grades

X. **Standing Committee Reports**

- **Committee Chairs** – Overview & need for Reps
- **Spirit Wear** – Sale was in person for the 6th grade open house on 9/20 and for the 6th grade orientation in August. Both were successful. We are looking into doing an online store where you can order and make payments through memberhub.
- **CMS Book Fair** – Will be taking place 10/16-10/20
- **Membership** – please sign up by 9/30
- **Nutrition – Candace Scherrbelis** – nothing to report. The first meeting is 10/25 at CHS @ 10am.
- **SEPTA – Nazia Khan** – Nothing to report. First meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am @ Cedar Road School

XI. **Adjournment** – Next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 19th at 9:30am**

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

MEETING ADJOURNED 10:30 AM.

Upcoming Events: 9/28 – 7th & 8th Grade Open House
 9/25 – School Closed
 10/9 – School Closed
 10/16 – GO Card Sale

Respectfully submitted by,
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