

# CENTRAL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

10/11/2017 at 6:30PM – Spain Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Laura Buonomo, President Central HSA, at 6:45PM

- *Note meeting started late to accommodate parents transitioning from the Financial Aid meeting in the auditorium from 5:30 – 6:30PM.*

The following agenda items were presented:

1. Introduction of the CHS Health Resource Coordinator (HRC) – *Tracie Gilbert*
  - a. Ms. Gilbert is in her second year at CHS
  - b. Offers a variety of programs and information to students in addition to 1-on-1 counseling
  - c. Contact information: [tgilbert@fpcn.com](mailto:tgilbert@fpcn.com)
2. Student Association presentation – *Grace Delvecchio*
  - a. Help Central Support Houston
    - i. Partnering with a teacher, Nicole Stuart, from Cactus Elementary School in Hamshire, Texas to provide school supplies and books via Amazon wishlist.
    - ii. Students have received information about this project
3. Principal's Report – *President McKenna*
  - a. Nicole Van Buskirk (257) – first female alumna to be an administrator at CHS
  - b. AP Scores: 985 AP assessments were given to our students.
    - i. 62% of the scores were a 3 or greater
  - c. IB Program: 10 students earned IB diplomas.
    - i. These students will enter college with 20+ college credits.
    - ii. New IB Coordinator is Avi Snyder
  - d. Keystone Assessments: over 99% of our students passed the Keystone assessments in Algebra 1, Biology and Literature
  - e. CHS has two National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist and 16 students were received commended status.
  - f. Performing Arts Update:
    - i. Christmas Carol – 12/7 (10AM & 3:30PM); 12/8 (7PM – note ½ day PD); 12/9 (5PM)
    - ii. Widener Show – 12/19 at 8AM
    - iii. Music Dept Winter Concert – 12/21 at 7PM
    - iv. Musical Theater Production – “Guys & Dolls”
      1. Show dates: 03/21/18 (10AM); 3/22/18 (3:30PM); 3/23/18 (7PM); 3/24 (7PM)
    - v. Music Dept Spring Concert – 05/24/2018 at 7PM
  - g. 224 STEAM Grants – Thank you to the 224<sup>th</sup> class for their fundraising initiative and support.
  - h. Staffing, Roster & Grades
    - i. 13 new teachers at CHS for the 2017-2018 school year; additional social studies/English teacher starting 10/16/2017
    - ii. A new grade system is being used and staff is getting used to it. Parent login for Infinite Campus will be available January 2018 (tentative)
    - iii. School is looking at a new system for Roster selection and assignment

- i. Performing Arts Center (PAC) update provided
  - i. Project is moving forward and team has settled on the concept
  - ii. Big announcement of the project will be coming soon
- j. Interim Reports will be given out on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents must sign.
- k. Review of procedures that were used with bomb threat last week
  - i. Length of lock-down = 27 minutes
  - ii. Parents asked to remind their children to use common sense and to share accurate information. They will not be kept from texting, but remember they may not have all of the information.
  - iii. Communication following any event of this type will sent to the families via email and/or robo-call. Please contact the main office if you did not receive the robo-call last week.
  - iv. Three security guards currently staff CHS
- l. Athletics
  - i. All Girls teams and boys soccer are currently undefeated
  - ii. This is a growing year for the football team, but come out and support them for the annual CHS vs Northeast High School Thanksgiving Day Game.
- m. Lockers – 50% of 280 have lockers
- 4. Title I update and annual budget/requirements reviewed – *Vice Principal Scott*
- 5. Central Home & School Listserv – *Laura Buonomo*
  - a. Thank you to Tyra Duhan for monitoring
  - b. Reminders of general rules – will be sent out again
  - c. During emergency situations Laura will shares the information she receives from Administration
    - i. If you are posting something that your children have shared with you – please indicate that they are the source and realize they may not have all of the information.
  - d. Based on recent listserv discussions - Laura will explore options of a parent forum on the topics of race and prejudice.
- 6. Volunteering at Central – *Lynne Hopper*
  - a. Sign-up genius will be used for parents to select times they can volunteer
    - i. 10/18 – Freshman Tea Club Fair
    - ii. 11/5 – Fall Clean-up
  - b. Sign-up sheets available at tonight’s meeting to sign-up for various committees
- 7. Fundraising Committee – *Carmen Hayman & Tani Bertolino*
  - a. EVERY DOLLAR GOES BACK INTO THE SCHOOL – we’ve supported:
    - i. Campus Environment Team school clean-ups
    - ii. Music and Theater Departments
    - iii. Physical plant improvements
    - iv. School planners for all students
    - v. Staff requests to support trips and supplies
    - vi. List Serve, Frosh night, Frosh Orientation, Frosh Tea, International Day, Teacher Appreciation, Graduation Awards and more
  - b. HOW YOU CAN HELP:
    - i. Caring for Central Campaign - now – 12/31/2017
    - ii. Winter Raffle - Jan – April 2018
    - iii. Spring Social/Auction Event - April/May 2018 (last year \$14K)

- iv. Central Dining Out Nights - *dates to be announced*
- v. Spirit Wear – *available throughout the school year*
- c. Bring your experience & ideas to us: [fundraising@centralhsa.org](mailto:fundraising@centralhsa.org)
- 8. New Central Home & School Website: [www.centralhsa.org](http://www.centralhsa.org)
  - a. Check it out and let us know what additional information is needed
- 9. Central HSA Open Board Positions and Elections – *Tyra Duhan*
  - a. Class representatives for 279 and 280.
    - i. Description of duties reviewed and will be posted on [centralhsa.org](http://centralhsa.org)
- 10. Class Representative Reports:
  - a. 277 – *Debra Holland*
    - i.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the class took the SAT at Central on 10/11/17 and the remainder of the class attended Museum Day
    - ii. Please complete your class dues payments – covers cost of gowns, yearbooks and offsets costs of other events.
    - iii. Homecoming tickets will go on sale 10/23/17
    - iv. Cardigans will go on sale in the next two weeks.
    - v. Graduation is 6/12/18 at the Kimmel Center
  - b. 278 – *Jenny Yu*
    - i. Terror Behind the Walls, October 19 @ 7:00 PM, tickets are \$25, PARENTS WELCOME - Order online: [bit.do/paychs](http://bit.do/paychs)
    - ii. 11th Annual Powder Puff Football: 277 vs. 278 🏈, November 16 @ 3:15 PM, tickets are \$5 in school
    - iii. Central Night @ Flyers, December 14 @ 7pm 🎯, tickets are very limited, \$50 each - Order online: [bit.ly/chsflyers](http://bit.ly/chsflyers)
    - iv. Ring orders from Jostens: order from [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com). Parents are invited to ring ceremony in January. Formal invitations will be sent.
  - c. 279 – *Lynne Hopper*
    - i. Terror Behind the Walls:  
Thursday, October 19 @ 7 PM - FAMILIES ARE WELCOME - Tickets \$25 - open to all classes. Tickets can be purchased online at [bit.do/paychs](http://bit.do/paychs))
    - ii. Class Dues:  
Minimum of \$100 is due this year and can be paid at any time online
    - iii. E-Mails:  
Some emails to parents started getting bounced back as spam. Please add [azeserman@philasd.org](mailto:azeserman@philasd.org) to your email address books.
    - iv. Edline is still up for now, but parents won't get messages when it is gone unless they add Ms. Zeserman.
- 11. Next meeting: 11/08/2017 at 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned by Laura Buonomo at 8PM.

*Minutes submitted by Carmen Hayman on 10/18/2017*