

CENTRAL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting Minutes

01/10/2018 at 6:30PM – Spain Conference Room

1. **Laura Buonomo called meeting to order 6:35pm**

- Agenda:
- President McKenna -School update and Title One questions and answer
- CHS Financial Scholars Program-Presented by Jill Bazelon
- HSA updates
- Class Representative Updates

2. **President McKenna**

• **Capital Campaign Update:**

Central Administration has move forward with design development related to the parking lot and loading dock renovations. On schedule to break ground in January of 2019.

The capital campaign has begun, and events are being planned to motivate members of the community, foundations and alumni to participate and donate

• **Academic Updates:**

Midterm Examination Schedule:

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 – Periods 1 and 2

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 – Periods 3 and 4

Thursday, January 25, 2018 – Periods 5 and 6

Friday, January 26, 2018 – Period 7 and Make-up Exams

Students will be dismissed after exams but are welcome to stay and study in the library.

Make ups will require doctor's note

- **Admissions:** 3564 applications received. Final decisions were due today, January 10, 2018. Decision letters will be mailed out during the last week in January. Central accepted 1021 students from 164 different schools in Philadelphia.

- **Title 1 Winter Family Engagement Survey** -Conversation about school improvement

Question for Home and School Members: What improvements do parents think are needed in the school?

Home and School parent participant suggestions:

Cameras in the school- need people to monitor them

Stress management and coping skills for students

Better sex Ed and Health curriculum

Training teachers on soft skills in helping students that are struggling

Time management- project planning

Chemistry tutoring earlier in the year

More opportunity for kids to interact- without pressure of dances

Time management for freshman- students afraid to reach out

- **LaSalle University Dual Enrollment Program Update:**

15 Central students will be taking courses at LaSalle this spring.

- **SDP Parent Portal Update:** Portal will open on March 12, 2018. (See attachment)

3. **Jill Bazelon - CHS Financial Scholars Program**

- Jill is the Founder of Investing in Ourselves, a Philadelphia based non-profit committed to positive lifestyle behavior change in underserved communities of Philadelphia. Financial Scholars Investments funds their high school program.
- This free high school program has 3 components:
 - Teach the teachers
 - Develop an after-school club
 - Develop a Parent program
- Precepts:
 - 65% of high school students will ruin their credit
 - Wealth is a determinant of health
 - Life expectancy is based on zip code
 - People are living longer, and retirement needs to last longer
 - Program founded on wealth gap. Average in for white family \$141,000 vs
 - \$11,000 for black family, vs Hispanic \$13,700
 - 60% of Americans have wealth of less than 50,000
- Summary: Bridges to Wealth, free classes to underserved communities, providing investing and saving opportunities

Contact jill@bridgestowealth.org-goal to bring program here

After school club to be coordinated by Mr. Quinn- social studies

4. **Carmen Haymen- Fundraising**

- Caring for Central Campaign
 - Thank you to Campaign contributors
 - Last year was first year of the campaign
 - This year the campaign doubled donations
 - More than doubled subscription members
 - Total Raised this year- \$ 11, 123.
- Restaurant week -Thanks again to restaurant week sponsors:
 - Trolley Car Diner, Trolley Car Cafe and Fare
 - Restaurant week will not be held in January due to Philadelphia Restaurant week
 - Restaurant week resumes in February and continues through May
- Thank you to the Penn Book Center – For their donation of percentage of their sales donated during month of December
- Upcoming Events:
 - Raffle-more information to come
 - Central Fundraising Community Event and Auction in the spring

5. **Class Updates**

277 Class representative Debra Holland

Community service information due April 16th, 2018

Class dues: Dr. Drago is collecting dues now

Fundraiser information is coming

Senior class trip- April 18th Baltimore and DC-tickets still available see Dr. Drago

Senior prom 6/7/18 7pm Ballroom at the Ben

Graduation 6/12/18 Kimmel Center

If anyone needs help with college applications, contact Dr. Drago

278 Class representative Jenny Yu

Ring Ceremony 1/16/18 at Romano's 6pm

Ski trip 2/9/18 at Jack Frost- Big Boulder. Chaperones needed-Contact Mr. Horowitz

279 Class Representative Keir Grey

Barnes and Nobles fund raiser was a huge success

279 T shirt now available for sale

Soph. Hop 7pm March 9th new venue- tickets not yet on sale

280-Class Representative Angela McNeil

Midterms begin January 23rd. If a student misses a midterm they will need a doctor's note

Mental Health- students encouraged to reach out counselor's office for help

Dress for weather

See Mr. Kahn if having locker issues

6. Up Coming Events

MLK Day 1/15/18 school closed

Report card conferences 2/15/18 at 12:30pm

Next Home and School meeting Tuesday 2/13/18 at 6:30 pm

7. Parent Questions:

A Parent requested that community service requirements allow for student to volunteer at more than two places.

Parents request clarity on community service requirements at next meeting.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 8pm