

CENTRAL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting Minutes

12/13/17 - Spain Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Laura Buonomo, President Central HSA at 6:30pm

- Welcome by Laura and overview of Agenda for the meeting. Welcome New Board Members:
 - Josiah Hall- Member at Large, Campus Environment Team
 - Mimi Harvey, VP Campus Environment Team
 - Angela S. McNeil -280 Class Representative

- Laura Buonomo gave President McKenna's School Updates in his absence
 - PSAT DATA
 - 9th grade (280) – **Mean 1046** (91% met both benchmarks) – **District Mean 778** (21% met both benchmarks) – **State Mean 824** (31% met both benchmarks) – **National Mean 860** (36% met both benchmarks)
 - 10th grade (279) – **Mean 1104** (86% met both benchmarks) – **District Mean 820** (18% met both benchmarks)
 - 11th Grade (278) – **Mean 1189** (89% met both benchmarks) – **District Mean 864** (18% met both benchmarks) – **State Mean 1002** (43% met both benchmarks) – **National Mean 1015** (44% met both benchmarks) – **12 students scored in the 99th percentile**
 - SAT Data (10/17/17)
 - 12th grade (277) – **Mean 1217** (88% met both benchmarks) – **District Mean 895** (18% met both benchmarks) – **State Mean 894** (17% met both benchmarks) – **National 936** (22% met both benchmarks)
 - Attendance Data:
 - Students attending 95% or more days (SDP average: 58.6%)
 - 12th grade (277): Current School Year 78.8% - Last Year 60%
 - 11th grade (278): Current School Year 91.4% - Last Year 73.9%
 - 10th grade (279): Current School Year 86.15 – Last Year 77.1%
 - 9th grade (280): Current School Year 91.9% - Last Year 84.7%
 - School Data: Current School Year 87.3% - Last Year 73.9%
 - Honor Roll – 1st Quarter
 - 280 – 50% (326 students)
 - 279 – 29% (169 students)
 - 278 – 42% (238 students)
 - 277 – 51% (285 students)
 - Overall: 43% (1018 students)
 - Interim Reports:
 - Will be sent home with students the week of January 8th.

- Congratulations:
 - Performing Arts For their outstanding staging and performances of Dickens: A Christmas Carol
 - Athletics department for a historic fall season: Girls Volleyball, Field Hockey, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis (District 12 Champions) all Public League Champions.
 - *Upcoming event:* Music Department Winter Concert: 12/21 7 PM
- Thank you :
 - to the CHS Home and School Environmental Team for their latest clean up in our Alumni and Faculty Hall of Fame hallways along with the Main Office kitchen and the handrails of every staircase (fewer germs)
 - to the close to 100 parents who signed up to our HSA and Parent List Serve in the past 5 weeks
- The new and improved “*Centralhigh.net*” is up and running. There is a calendar that has been updated on the new site. It works nicely with the new HSA website. Please check out both.
- In collaboration with the *Human Relations Commission* of Philadelphia and the SDP Office of Climate and Safety, CHA administration held three meetings to discuss respecting diversity, making good choices on social media and building a stronger learning community. The CHA administration is discussing ways to continue these important conversations in smaller groups. The student panelists did an excellent job of sharing and leading the conversations.
- Safety: please continue to discuss safe travelling practices with your children. We have dealt with a couple of issues this year. A senior that left school grounds illegally was mugged; another student that was across the street playing basketball was robbed of his cell phone. Students need to use good judgment when travelling to and from school. If your child has any issue they should immediately report it to an administrator or Mr. Julien in room 139.
 - Be aware of your surroundings
 - Put your cell phone and other electronic devices away while walking
 - Travel in groups
 - Look out for each other even if person is not in your friend group
- **CHS International Baccalaureate Program- Presented by Avi Snyder, IB Diploma Coordinator, Social Studies and English Teacher**
 - What is an IB diploma program?
 - IB is a rigorous two year program for 11th and 12th graders.
 - IB level classes carry a weight of 1.2 (like AP) and is eligible for college placement or credit
 - Students who successfully complete the program can achieve an IB Diploma

- IB Core
 - Theory of Knowledge Class
 - The extended Essay students write a 4,000 word research paper on a topic of interest
 - Creativity, action and service: Learn outside the classroom and reflecting on their personal growth through these activities.
 - What classes will they take:
 - Studies in language and literature
 - Individuals and Societies
 - Language Acquisition
 - Mathematics
 - Sciences
 - The Arts
 - AP and IB: What's the same?
 - Both are rigorous, college prep courses
 - Both culminate in assessment by a body outside of the school resulting in a score
 - Both offer the opportunity to earn college credit/placement
 - Both carry a 1.2 weight at Central
 - AP and IB: What's different:
 - Difference Mission: College Board's IB Mission
 - Differences in Assessment AP score -one test vs IB score multiple tests
- HSA Updates
 - Membership and List-Serve-since 3/17 there have been 723 new email addresses added to the list serve.
 - Environment -Presented by VP of Campus Environment Team-Mimi Harvey:
 - A cleanup was held in the Alumni and Faculty Hall of Fame hallways.
 - Care for Central Campaign- Presented by VP of Fundraising Carmen Haymen
 - Annual Goal is \$10,000
 - Donate on- line
 - One-time donation
 - Monthly subscription
 - Matching gifts
 - Restaurant Week-
 - Trolley Car Diner and FareRestaurants have agreed to donate 20% of participating central parent's total bill
 - Class updates
 - 277 Update Deb Holland- Class trip to Washington DC and Baltimore is scheduled for April 13, 2018. Cost is \$100. Also please pay your class dues.

- 278 Update Jenny Yu
 - 12/14/17 Central Night @ Flyers
 - 1/16/18 Ring Ceremony @ Romano's 6pm
 - 2/9/18 Junior ski trip
 - 3/16/18 March Madness: 277 vs 278 Winner v Faculty 12.15pm
 - 279 Update Kier Gray
 - Ice Skating: Lots of fun and big success!
Students should send pictures and videos to Ms. Zeserman.
 - Barnes & Noble Book Fair: Support Central at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair this weekend (December 15-17) at Rittenhouse Square. Use voucher #12278073 when purchasing holiday gifts (books, toys, games, food, etc.) so that a percentage of each purchase benefits Central. Share with friends and family!
 - T-Shirt Designs: Now accepting design submissions for 279 Sophomore class t-shirts! Hand-drawn or digital designs should be sent to Ms. Zeserman by Sunday, December 17.
 - Cheesecake Fundraiser: Dues fundraiser for 279 & 278, each cheesecake sold credits \$7 or \$4 to student dues/account. Orders must be placed by this FRIDAY for cakes to be delivered before winter break.
 - Soph. Hop: Save the Date - 7 PM on March 9, more information to come.
 - 280 Update Angela Hankins
 - Honor Roll Assembly on Monday 12/11/17-43 students received straight A's, 263 students received A's and B's
Total number of freshman students 656
 - Community Service documentation - email was sent to student to remind them to update their community service work on the google drive.
 - Dress for the Weather-It's winter time and it's important that students dress in layers
- Upcoming Events-
 - Winter Break 12/24/17-1/3/18
 - Next CHS HSA General Meeting
 - Wednesday January 10th 2018-6:30 Spain conference Room