

Central HSA General Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019; 6:30

Pres. McKenna report

- McKenna thanked the CHS Home and School Environmental Team for the great work during the cleanup; school grounds look incredible
- He also thanked the CHS Home and School planning committee for the Celebrating Central Auction; looking forward to an outstanding event
- 2019 Central students' achievements:
 - PA School Performance Profile: Highest Score in Philadelphia
 - School District of Philadelphia School Performance Report: Top School in Philadelphia – Scored a 95 on the SPR matrix.
 - The 278 class produced 7 National Merit Semi-finalists; 1 National Merit finalist
 - Pennsylvania Junior Science Fair: 21 First Place award winners (1 international award for Cancer research)
 - Public League Championships: GV Tennis, GV Soccer, GV Swimming – Spring: Possible Baseball, Softball, BV Lacrosse and Track and Field Championships
 - State Qualifiers: Swimming
 - Ola Owodunni (278) has been selected as the female athlete of the year by the Northeast Times. She also made All Southeastern PA for the second time in soccer.
 - 55 All-Public Athletes this year – Spring Athletes not accounted for yet
 - Scholastic Writing Competition: 20 Award Winners: 1 Gold Key National Award
 - Scholastic Art Competition: 22 Award Winners: 1 Gold Key National Award
 - National History Day: 6 Project Award Winners: 2 first place awards
 - All-City Music: 25 Orchestra Members and 3 Choir members
 - This month our counseling and administrative team will administer 1,000 AP assessments and 800 International Baccalaureate Assessments
- Congratulations to Ben Blazer for winning the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.
- College Acceptance Highlights:
 - 38 overall to Penn, Harvard, Yale, Brown, Dartmouth, Cornell, MIT, Oberlin, Carnegie Mellon, Duke, Claremont McKenna, McAllister, McGill, Brandeis, Columbia, NYU, Barnard, Duke, Temple and Drexel
- Human Resources Update: 5 new teachers have been hired through the site selection process - (Biology, Mathematics, English, Social Studies and Spanish).
- Dates: Keystone Assessments: May 13-16: Late arrival 11 am for students not testing
- Graduation: May 31 at 10 am – Verizon Hall @ Kimmel Center
- Broke ground on capital project; June 4 gov wolf will be here maybe Kenny – 10:30-11:30
- As of next week, no parking; LaSalle gave teachers 50 spots at their armory
- Parent questions
 - Where will the parking lot be?
 - What happens last week of school; no instruction on 31; symposium days on 30 and 1st; it's loose; do students come in? do they get marked absent?? Yes, but (grades are in)
 - Can start community service during this time. We'll accept it
 - Attendance records aren't sent to colleges

Auction update

- Please buy tickets! Price at the door increases to \$75
- Great items this year and more than last year
 - Eagles tickets (3 sets of 2)
 - Phillies tickets (mayor's box – 4 and VIP parking)
 - VIP package to DC – hotel, congress tour, lunch in senate dining room
 - Graduation tickets for this year or next
 - Lots of restaurant gift cards
- Consider a ride-share option because there is an open bar
- Still accepting donations – wine for the wine grab

Environmental update

- Great clean-up on April 28; got rid of trash and debris (over 120 bags)
- Planted azaleas; great energy
- Neighbor brought soft pretzels as a thank you
- LaSalle parent sent thank you

Class rep updates

- 278, 279, 281 – will be posted to the listserv
- 280 – hope to see you at the auction, please pay dues for next year

Questions

- Tiles – tiles don't happen any more
- Can we add this to an agenda for next year: Addressing gun violence in schools for our students (not for parents, but for our students; bring up to administration); 1st HSA meeting is in October
- How can I get more graduation tickets? Have your student ask McKenna; or come to the auction

Meeting closed (6:57 pm)