

## Central HSA General Meeting Minutes

Oct. 2, 2019; 6:30

### Welcome and board introductions

#### Pres. McKenna report

- Thank you to HSA for our new lockers and the funding support for the counselors. New furniture and Chrome books are being ordered to support our students in the counseling suite.
- Graduation: Change in venue. No date yet. Working on the Academy of Music or the Met
- Academic Updates:
  - AP Scores: 1036 AP assessments were given 73% of the scores were 3 or greater.
  - IB: 38 students earned IB Diplomas of 49 eligible. They will enter college with 20+ college credits. IB Coordinator is Avi Snyder.
  - Keystone Assessments: over 99% of our students passed the Keystone Assessments in Algebra 1, Biology and Literature.
- The National Merit Scholarship Competition –Members of the 279th Graduating Class
  - Semi-Finalist – 6; Commended - 13
- Athletic Updates:
  - Girls Varsity Volleyball record: 9-1; Boys Varsity Soccer is ranked # 1 in the public league and is undefeated in league play; Girls Varsity Soccer will again compete for the Public League title and District 12 championship.
- Performing Arts Update:
  - New this year: Musical – Dirty, Rotten Scoundrels, will be in December – 12/5-7
  - Music Department Winter Concert - 12/19
- Admissions:
  - Shadowing Program Led by Chuck Steinberg (221) has 300 students already registered for visits; expecting between 750-1,000 prospective 8th grade students to participate
  - Chuck and Jackie Betof are scheduled to visit 25 schools to present to prospective students. Chuck gives parent tours every day we have shadows in the building.
- Shadowing Update/changes: Chuck gives cards to students for the number of guests that will be shadowing. He will ask for students who have not shadowed the previous day, in order to circulate opportunities for more freshmen to earn community service. Cards will be distributed by 7:20 am. Students with a card will be asked to wait in the alumni hall of fame.
- Class 224: Purchased 5 SMART Boards for classrooms; for a total of 35 with the technology.
- The School District purchased 330 new Chromebooks for our school. 10 new classroom carts are available to teachers to support our students.
- 7 new Teachers: English - Rob Paul, Math - Stephanie Virgo & Pamela Chrissis, Latin - Dr. Jacob Feeley, Social Studies - Sophia Date, Biology - Shane Fitzgerald and Spanish - Matthew Fischetti
- Capital update: hoping Phase 1 is completed in spring of 2020; Verizon must move a line and they haven't put us on the schedule yet

#### ***Comments/questions from parents:***

- New to district freshman parents can't access the portal (Infinite Campus)

- Freshman assaulted on the bus; 65/26 (route from Roxboro) in the 35<sup>th</sup> district
- Upgrade athletic fields and field house – not in the current plans
- Can Central address student/teacher culture of non-college plans students?
- Tennis courts are waiting for additional funding (need about \$200,000)
- Once external facility is improved, we're hoping to allow seniors out for lunch
- Who are the alumni board of governors? They manage a \$12M fund; they hear from McKenna and aim to fulfill his requests
- Gym classes are not being covered at end of day; McKenna to follow up
  - Policy topic for HSS mtg, can it be held sooner, budget review? Policy committee?

### **HSA Board Elections**

- Appointments – secretary and co-VPs of fundraising -- Heidi, Robin, Laura; all approved

### **Treasurer's report/Fundraising**

- 2 large events held – orientation and back-to-school night; Raised approx. \$6,000 with spirit wear sales
- Caring for Central – doing well
- Auction – May 16; biggest fundraiser
- Providing \$1,000 grants to each department who have asked for something

### **Volunteering**

- To volunteer, you must have criminal and child abuse clearances on file (and FBI if you haven't lived in PA for 10 years). Once completed, take it to the office and deliver to Ms Scott.
- Oct 24 – club fair. We need volunteers. Look for sign-up genius
- Committee overviews for fundraising, hospitality, communication and environment

### **Environmental update**

- Outdoor clean-ups – 10/13 and 11/9. Look for sign-up genius

### **Class rep updates**

- Where are dues monies spent? \$250 is broken down and on Central's website
- 280 – a letter was sent home outlining what is expected for junior year – powder puff football, ski trip and junior picnic, junior prom; PSATs on 10/30 (\$16)
- Naviance – platform to hold college info; goal is to have all college essays in the system by Dec
- Ring ceremony
- Community service must be verified on letterhead of where they served; can be in 2 locations

### **HSA meeting calendar of topics/speakers**

- College planning – Nov
- IB – Dec
- Class selection process – Jan
- Title 1 / parent involvement – Feb
- Mental health workshop – March
- Title 1 / feedback – April
- Final meeting – May