

Central HSA General Meeting Minutes

Dec. 11, 2019; 6:30

Pres. McKenna report

- Amira Ludwig passed away on November 23, 2019; a memorial service is scheduled for Dec. 14 at the First Unitarian Church – 2125 Chestnut Street, beginning at 9:30, service at 10:30, snacks and refreshments to follow
- PA Act 82- School Performance Profile score was released by the state of PA last week. Our school score was a 99; the highest of any school in the city of Philadelphia.
- PSAT Data:
 - 282 – Mean 1063 (90% met both benchmarks) – District Mean 787(22% met both benchmarks) – State Mean 853 (36% met both benchmarks) – National Mean 864 (35% met both benchmarks)
 - 281 – Mean 1119 (86% met both benchmarks) – District Mean 828 (19% met both benchmarks) – State Mean 951 (46% met both benchmarks) – National Mean 925 (37% met both benchmarks)
 - 280 – Mean 1182(87% met both benchmarks) – District Mean 861 (17% met both benchmarks) – State Mean 995 (41% met both benchmarks) – National Mean 1003 (41% met both benchmarks)
- SAT Data (10/2019)
 - 279 – Mean 1215 (89% met both benchmarks) – District Mean 887 (17% met both benchmarks) – State Mean 906 (20% met both benchmarks) – National 935 (22% met both benchmarks)
- Honor Roll – 1st Quarter
 - 282 – 45%; 281 – 39%; 280 – 34%; 279 – 46%; Overall: 41%
- Congratulations: 2 Quest Bridge Match Scholarships: 279 Andy Zhou – Princeton and 279 Sandy Pfung - Penn
- Upcoming event: Music Department Winter Concert: 12/19 - 7 PM
- **Athletics:** Congratulations to the athletics department for a historic fall season: Girls Cross Country Public League/District 12 Champions, Golf Team – Public League Champions Girls Tennis - Public League Champions; Turkey bowl – competitive but lost
- **Safety:** Please be careful at drop off in the morning. Many drivers are making illegal U turns and they are dangerous. Philadelphia Police will be monitoring the situation and will be issuing tickets.
- **Facilities** – hoping to be completed with the back of the school by Spring
- **Survey** – distributed to ask parents how to improve communication between parents and school; shared process document for how to resolve issues at Central High School

IB Presentation – by Avi Snyder

- We hand out the most IB diplomas in the city of all schools combined
- It's a tough program; Ivys look at IB; all classes are weighted 1.2 (same as AP)
- IB is a 2-year program for Juniors and Seniors; application process is in sophomore year/now
 - Dec 18 is application open date
- If in IB, all your classes are in IB program; all courses end with an exam – six in total (scored 1-7); some courses are 2-years long; different Universities accept different scores; passing is 4 or better and they earn the diploma

- IB is for students who want to lean differently (e.g., no multiple choice); open-ended with emphasis on discussion and analysis; for students who want the freedom and are good at time management
- Classes are all interdisciplinary; inter-related
- Courses: English, social studies (individuals and society), language acquisition (foreign language), 3 levels – easy, average and difficult; math – 3 levels; science; arts – music and art
- Higher level classes just mean they are 2 years long
- Testing – 2 days long and there is also a project that contributes to the total score (25%)
- Class limit is 60; as big as Central will go; applicants max out at 130-140
 - Candidates: Acceptance list, wait list and no list
- If your student is interested, they need to go and meet Avi and introduce themselves

Treasurer's report/Fundraising

- Department grants are going well
- Caring for Central – raised \$12,000 so far
- Gala/Auction – May 16; Penn's landing caterers; committee meetings start in January; looking for donors and sponsors first

Volunteering – looking for volunteers for international day; also please get your clearances in to the office

Events/dates – Winter concert Dec 19 ; midterms – must have a doctor's note if absent

Class updates

- 279 – B&N book fare – shop 12/16-18 and proceeds go to HSA
- 280 – powder puff and homecoming; details coming soon on Junior prom
- 281 – Central at Flyers tickets for purchase
- 282 – college possible assembly coming up

HSA meeting calendar of topics/speakers

- Class selection process – Jan
- Title 1 / parent involvement; STD testing – Feb
- Mental health workshop – March
- Title 1 / feedback – April
- Final meeting – May