**PTG Meeting Nov. 12, 2019**

Meeting held in the JHS Library @ 9:35 am

**In Attendance:** See sheet attached

**BOE Board Members in Attendance:**  Amy Brogan

**October 8, 2019 minutes reviewed and approved by:** Tami Schneider and seconded by Edina

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**Lynette Simmons, PTG President**

**President’s Report:**

PTG membership is lower this year so we are introducing mugs to help increase our numbers. Reminded

all that the bond vote is on Tuesday, Nov 19 and to please vote.

**Parent Group Announcements:**

**Literary Lunch –** Date of the 2020 Literary Lunch is April 2nd at the same venue as last year, the Huntington Country Club. The book is “The Lost Girls of Paris” by Pam Jenoff. The next meeting is Nov 20th at 10:30 at the high school. Volunteers needed.

**SEPTO –** Had been selling tickets to the Frozen movie for Nov 24 as a fundraiser and are now sold out. They need more memberships to make it to 100 members, their goal. They sponsored a discussion with Dr. Moss, which went well. Dr. Moss discussed children and medication. Their next meeting will be in January. The discussion topic will be Planning Your IEP.

**Guests Speakers:**

**Principal Bolen –** Thanked the PTG for the Veterans Assembly of last week. Said the students had great questions and got a lot out of the program.

**CSH Library – Caitlin Sempowich -** Many volunteer opportunities at the library. “Teen Tech Tutors” program, Oral History Project, etc. All are in the monthly newsletter. The library is attempting to increase their intergenerational programs between youth and the senior members of our community.

The oral history project gives youth a chance to interview a resident about growing up in CSH.

The library is planning a teen night out at the Board Room Café in Huntington Village on Feb 10 at

5pm. There is room for additional sign ups for the practice ACT/SAT. Wall tiles are available for

purchase ($300) to help fund the new teen room. Teens get community service for being on the advisory board of the new teen media center, which will be opening in 2020. It will have three

High-powered computers with wall monitors for group projects and presentations. Ms. Sempowich left library calendar flyers for the taking.

**Guidance Dept. – Mr. Arini** – Began his position in July 2019. He likes the parent involvement that our school brings. The mission of the guidance department is to support the student in three ways:

* make sure all students are meeting their academic potential;
* post secondary planning (organization, goal setting);
* social/emotional support (build empathy, access resources and increase connectivity).

He reminded those present of the upcoming 8th grade parent/guidance dept. meeting of 12/3. Two questions were raised –Would the Guidance Dept. consider moving college visits from fall of senior year to the spring of junior year? The department is considering it, the visits would occur during both time periods. Is the Robotics class coming back? All potential classes are in the course offering catalog. Students should express their interest to their counselor for further discussion.

**School District Report Card – Mr. Simon, Kimberly Libertini, Theresa Donohue**

The results for the Math and ELA Proficiency tests has been steadily rising with proficiency levels at

82% and 74% proficiency respectively in the 3 to 8 grade level. Approximately 80% of students in our district take the exams, which is much higher than Long Island as a whole. The tests are tweaked

each year so it’s hard to make a year by year comparison. The district is moving to Next Generation Learning Standards, which should be fully implemented in September. Our high school graduation rate is 99%, with 88% of students receiving a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. For further analysis/statistics, please refer to the district website.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kessler, Secretary