Cherry Hill High School West PTA
November 12, 2014 General Membership Meeting

- In attendance: see attached sign in sheet.
- Meeting was called to order by Kris Walters, President, at 7:00 PM and introductions of the Board were made.
- Minutes from the September 17, 2014 PTA meeting were passed out and approved.
- **Treasurer's Report** presented by Kelly Bivins, and was approved.
- **National Honor Society Report** made by Mr. Derek Field. Handout highlighting Advisors, Basic Qualifications, Selection Criteria, Invitation Letters and First Meeting, and Induction Ceremony which will take place in early February, 2015. Mr. Field reported that there are 391 members of the Junior Class this year, and the Top 15% of class were invited to become members of NHS this week. Discussion ensued about Community Service Hours (CSH), and a request for Sophomores Class to be alerted so CSH's can be counted this year as well. Further questions can be addressed to Mr. Field at his email address: dfield@chclc.org
- **Committee Reports**:
- - **West Word - PTA Newletter**: Kris Walters reported that 11/24 is next publication by Linda Abbazsadeh, Editor.
- - **Ways & Means** - Andrea Gurst, reported that Mum Sale sold 153 mums, taking in a profit of $504.80. Shop Rite gift cards continue to be on sale, and we will continue to make 5% in profit from those sales.
- - **Reflections** - Linda King, Chair of the PTA Reflections not present this evening but Kris Walters, reports we do have two entries for this year's contest so far.
- - **Membership** - Gina Onorato, reports we have 250 members and she is thankful for this great turn out.
- - **Project Graduation** - Connie Spencer, Chair not present, so PG Committee Member, Gina Poserina reported that Jersey Mike's Night had a "great turnout", as did Five Guys Night "last night." Future Fundraisers: 12/3-5, California Pizza Kitchen, where PG will make 20% off every bill. 1/15/15, Forno's Pizzeria. Chipotle, Chick fil-A, Chili's, and Hoagie Sala are all in planning stages. PG Facebook Page continues to have general information, and Gina encouraged all at meeting to "Like" their page. West Wear is on the PTA Website, and managed by Nancy Giordano. Gina requested cash or gift donations for the baskets for the night of Project Graduation. Next PG meeting is: Monday, 11/21 at 7 PM in the Library.
- **Scholarships report** by Michelle Pryor, Guidance Counselor at CHHSW. Handouts passed out with websites of particular attention paid to West Scholarships links on E board for Guidance. Guidance has met with Juniors and each student was given his/her "unofficial" ranking. Ranking is weighted based on a "7 Point Scale", which Ms. Pryor proceeded to explain, and can discuss with parents and students in person at a later time, if desired. Scholarship Ceremony always held the 2nd Tuesday, in June.

- **Special Report** was given by Mr. Lou Papa, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. He gave brief report on Athletics (4th year in his position), which included new score boards, District committee is dealing with facilities and turf projects, and Mr. Papa made request for PTA support in fundraising for new sound system in school, replacement of lockers, door handles "that actually work" and key fobbs at Jones' Gym to avoid door propping open. Mr. Papa reports funding is on its way, but Admin. needs PTA voices and moral support to get this all approved. Mr. Jim Devereux, Business Administrator/Assistant Superintendent for the School District, will need our letters, as well as vocalizing our concerns.
- **President's Report** - Kris Walters reported that Spirit Week is 11/20-11/26 this year. Continue to send checks directly into Gina Onorato for Membership, or to Andrea Gurst for Ways & Means, and NOT into the school directly because the checks are not getting to Gina and Andrea as they should. And lastly, Kris announced that 3 members are needed to form a Nominating Committee for PTA positions opening this Spring, by April. Will need this committee filled by our next meeting, 2/11/15.
- **Principal's Report** - Dr. Kwame Morton, Principal at Cherry Hill HS West, reported PARCC Community Meetings will be facilitated by Drs. Meloche and Mahan on: 12/10, 2/4, 4/21 each at 7 PM in the New Auditorium. He also presented handout on Cyber Harassment Law that passed in January 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi C. Paulson
Recording Secretary
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