

**Cherry Hill High School West PTA**  
**September 17, 2014 General Membership Meeting**

- In attendance: see attached sign in sheet.
- Meeting was called to order by Kris Walters, President, at 7:12 PM and introductions of the Board were made.
- Minutes from the June 9, 2014 PTA meeting were passed out and approved.
- **Treasurer's Report** presented by Kelly Bivins, and current budget for 2014-2015 reviewed with a proposed change presented by Kris Walters (Staff Luncheon proposed change from \$1000 increased \$1200, which will be moved from Administrative Costs.) This change was voted on and approved. Kelly Bivins announced that we need to order Shop Rite cards prior to July 31st this next year and the closing of the books. Budget for 2014-2015 was voted on and passed unanimously.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **West Word - PTA Newsletter:** Kris Walters reported that newsletter to be sent out electronically on a quarterly basis - Freshman Class has been mailed out, this first issue, and Linda Abbazsadeh is Editor.
  - **Ways & Means** - Gina Onorato, reported on behalf of Chair, Andrea Gurst, that Mum Sale is underway, and deadline for orders is September 19th with a pick-up date of September 29th. Shop Rite cards sale is also underway, with 5% going back to West PTA for programs.
  - **Membership** - Gina Onorato, Membership Chair, reported that Senior Class is winning for membership so far. Membership application forms were given out to students in homeroom. Discussion ensued about "how is Gina getting the money?" Confirmed that teachers are suppose to collect in homeroom and bring to the front office. PTA Membership Cards are on their way, and may be given out at Back To School Night on October 8th. PTA Directory of Membership form may need "rewording" due to many forms coming back without money attached - just completing information on the form and not paying for a Directory. Colleen McQuade is Editor of our Directory this year.
  - **Reflections** - Linda King, Chair of the PTA Reflections "National Art Program" is back at West since last year with great success! The pick up and drop off of forms for participation will take place in the school library, beginning Friday, October 24th. One entry of the two received last year won at the County level and then represented West at the State level. That student was Chasen Shao. Space was donated by Haddonfield's Markheim Art Center for displays.
  - **Project Graduation** - Connie Spencer, Chair of Project Graduation (PG) this 2014-2015 School Year gave short review and reported that committee met several times over the Summer. **First PG meeting during the school year to take place on October 6th, in the school library and it will be a "Mailer / Fundraiser" event!** Fundraiser at Five Guys was held on September 16th, from 5-8 PM, and 10% of all profits from orders was given to CHHS West. PG has a Facebook page and it is entitled, "Project Graduation Cherry Hill West." Jersey Mike's Fundraiser to take place on

October 2nd and there is a PG link on PTA's Website as well to find out more. West Wear will be available at BTS Night, order form in the West Word, and all benefits PG.

- **President's Report** - Kris Walters encouraged membership to invite friends to come out to meetings, and to join!! Forms in the West Word and on Website.
- **Principal's Report** - Dr. Kwame Morton, Principal at Cherry Hill HS West, reported that our School Year started out with a "good and safe opening." He introduced names of new staff, and announced that the Fall sports season began with good crowds. The Athletics Facilities Committee was formed by Dr. Morton and Dr. Chapman to address facility renovations throughout the district. September 22nd, 7 PM, at CHHS East will be an Open Meeting. Our Field House was the most recently renovated building. Dr. Morton reported that the PARCC Assessments (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) will take place in late March 2015 through April 2015, a total of 40 days in all. Dr. Morton explained that each grade level, 9th, 10th, and 11th, will have one week reserved for each to take the exams, via computer, for 90 minute periods. The grade levels not taking the exams that week will have an altered schedule. One week of the 40 days will be reserved for make ups. Schedule for students who are choosing not to test, or are Seniors, is still being developed. Back To School Night (BTS) was changed from October 2nd to the 8th due to a CHHS West Football game scheduled for that same evening on the 2nd. Schedule for BTS will come home with student the 1st week of October.
- **New Business** - Colleen McQuade, Editor, of PTA Directory was introduced and reported that forms need to be in by September 19th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi C. Paulson  
Recording Secretary  
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