

**Cherry Hill High School West
PTA General Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017
Media Room**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Jackie Caputo, President.

President's Report: Jackie Caputo reported that "we beat CHHSE at the MOD Pizza fundraiser in December, 2016. CHHSW made \$500, and then earned our free pizza night which took place on February 6th."

- Reported that PTA gave gift to Broadcasting Studio finally, a gift of \$2000.
- Nominations Committee only has one position to be filled for 2017-2018, and that is the Membership Chair. One member of the General PTA is interested already and Jackie will connect with her. Two Project Graduation Chairpeople still needed.

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved by General Membership.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Leonard reported that budget is balancing at \$22,502.80. Report was reviewed and approved by GM.

Principal's Report: Dr. Kwame Morton reported, "Very exciting times! GO PROS, wearable, waterproof cameras, were what was purchased by the gift given by PTA to the Broadcasting Studio. Dr. Morton reported that the Studio is trying to improve West's You Tube Channel.

- Reported that West is in middle of scheduling for next year. Dr. Morton is encouraging students to take full course loads, with electives, offered by "wonderful teachers" instead of just study halls.
- Reported "electronic communication sent out last Friday about use of skateboards on school property because a student fell at lunch time and hurt back. Dr. Morton reported we cannot have skateboards used on property because staff cannot supervise.
- Spring sports starts Friday and Physicals are due.
- PARCC testing - following condensed schedule:
 - - Grades 9-11
- Intent to refuse due March 11, 2017.
- Classes 2017-2020 can take other exams as alternatives to PARCC to pass
- Class 2021 cannot take alternative exams - will not be accepted by State of NJ
- For Seniors and those that refuse, alternative activities will be offered and then all will enjoy an early dismissal
- Dr. Morton closed with reporting "Principal Leadership Groups" started and will focus on "School Spirit" with 5 groups that include 100 students in total. Then, an "executive group" is being formed from these groups to carry on more extensive projects.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. **Next General PTA Meeting will be held Monday, April 3rd, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria. Project Graduation Meeting to follow.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristi C. Paulson
Recording Secretary