

**Cherry Hill West
General Membership
PTA Meeting**

Monday, September 17, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Ms. Jackie Caputo, PTA President

Welcome and introduction to CHHSW PTA by Ms. Jackie Caputo, and announced our role as members of PTA as “Overseers of the West Student Body.”

- Ms. Caputo announced that parents, families, teachers and community members will be joining PTA using paper registration forms again this year. Online membership applications did not work well last year. It was announced that we already have 103 members. Mums Sale will also be via paper and not online. Membership Committee Chair was introduced, Ms. Christie Robertson.

Treasurer Report by Ms. Karen Leonard:

- This is Ms. Leonard’s 3rd year as PTA Treasurer. She announced we have a \$19,000 carry over (\$12,000 - Project Graduation/\$7,000 - PTA). Ms. Leonard announced she keeps two separate books for the one checking account. Handled over the past year was: gift to school for students by PTA; Character Education awards; and other fundraisers that are different from Project Graduation fundraisers. Approved by membership was \$2000 to go to the Broadcasting Studio.

- Budget was reviewed and voted on and approved.
- Lynn Clauss, Project Graduation Co-Chair also reviewed the PG part of budget.

Secretary Minutes of June PTA Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Principal’s Report by Dr. Kwame Morton:

- Dr. Morton welcomed all back to school year, thanking PTA for “Gifts of Charity” for West. Congratulations and “excitement overload” for PG Night in June as well.
- Senior Year payments for Senior Trip - students encouraged to do the payment plan to pay off Senior Trip over the next 3-4 years.
- 9th grade - new structure was discussed - better transition process - creates a “condensed building” by reconfiguring where classes are. Electives, PE, Science, and lunch are still all over building. Dr. Morton explained the program is encouraging “Mentorship” - teachers sitting down at least 1:1 once a year with each student in 9th grade. Includes homeroom mentors and peer leadership too. Going well, much less anxiety. United for our students, with teachers and departments coming together.
- “Choice Homerooms” continue this year, with “Hacky Sack,” Guitar, and “Artist: Bob Ross Enthusiasts” Homerooms. Through Google Platform students can choose “Choice Homeroom” and lunches - can go to get an activity, homework help, and library.
- Broadcasting “Tricastor” can live stream meetings.

Dr. Morton announced upcoming events:

- October 9th - Teacher Inservice - no school for students
- Oct. 11th - PSAT - Sophomores & Juniors
- Oct. 12th - Financial Aid Night for Seniors and Families
- Oct. 27-29 - Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Dr. Morton announced that Senior Trip to Disney World in Florida has been scheduled for 4/18-4/21 in 2018. Concerns by PTA membership shared, in regards to sports players won’t

go on trip due to coaches not allowing students to miss practices and/or games, and students won't want to miss either. Discussion and then . . .

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Next General Membership Meeting of West PTA will be held Monday, November 27th at 7:00 PM in the Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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PTA Recording Secretary