



Central Jersey College Prep Charter School

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CJCP PTSO October 13th, 2016 Minutes

- ❖ **Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Viji Venkatasen**
 - Minutes from the September 8th meeting were approved.

- ❖ **Accomplishments since last meeting:** Presented by Viji Venkatasen
 - CJCP Family Picnic/Write a check campaign on September 23rd was a hit. Parents and children had a ball. Thank you to the volunteers for participating.
 - Scholastic Book Fair is still in session. The last day is Friday from 8am-10am

- ❖ **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Shalaka Bhole. New balance is \$3,653.24 and we still have one more day left for Scholastics.

- ❖ **Upcoming Events:** Presented by Sunitha Kumar
 - Scholastic Book Fair October is still in process. We have one more day left.
 - Halloween Party for the 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade on October 28th. The Seniors are putting on the event. PTSO voted to give \$200.00 towards the event.
 - Thanksgiving Baskets. We are asking for food and cash donations. There will be a box in the main office. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the PTSO mailbox in the main office. If you know of a family in need, please let us know.
 - Holiday Shop: Projected to occur in December. There will be little gifts for the kids to purchase for family and friends during the holidays.
 - Miss Dincer came up to discuss the Trunk or Treat on the 31st of October. Students can come to school in their costume. No masks or weapons. They will parade from the back of the school to the front where the trunks with goodies will be. We are looking for more volunteers.

- ❖ **Special Announcement**
 - Sheila Mason from Toast Masters came to discuss her program that she is offering to our students. She is very excited to be involved in this program. Middle school to high school students is the age group for the program. The children are split up by age. The suggested price is \$45 per student. Minimum age is approximately 6th grade. The program is currently held at the Demott Library. It is in the evening for an hour. It is not in conflict with any of the school programs so we can request that we have it at the school. The program can be used as a club program. The PTSO will email with additional details.
 - Jenifer Maack discussed our fundraising opportunities with BoxTops, Stop & Shop, Shoprite, Amazon, & Tyson. Details of all programs will be emailed as well.

- A parent stood up requesting us to speak with the administration about having more practices and games for the girl's team. There seems to be a considerable difference in the amount of practices and games that the boys' volleyball team has in comparison to the girls' team.
- Seniors came up to discuss their need for help with fundraising for their graduation and prom. They are not receiving assistance at this time from the school for their graduation. Since "Dress Down" has been removed, this has cut into their fundraising capabilities. They are asking for us to speak with the administration to help change this rule. They are also asking for chaperones for the October 28th Halloween dance.
- Sophomores stood up to discuss their desire to bring back the previous years' events like Incredible India and Black Heritage Celebration.
- International Celebration has been postponed to January due to the lack of a venue. Please do not send your children in on Monday for practice. We will be in contact with a practice schedule once it has been prepared.
- Parents stood up to discuss their displeasure that none of the Board Members stood up to speak on behalf of the Charter School at the BOE meeting. At this meeting, the BOE voted to ban all charter schools from participating in after school activities. We are waiting to hear from Dr. Sercan who is meeting with the organization of Charter Schools to discuss the recent events. We want the Board of Trustees to understand how important it is that our children be allowed to participate in after school activities at the public highschool.

❖ **Q & A**

- The BOE issue regarding after school activities spilled over into the Q&A session. Parents are extremely passionate about this subject.

❖ **Next PTSO meeting will be November 10th, 2016 at 7:00pm.**

❖ **Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm**

If you would like to provide feedback or input to the PTSO Board, please email us at ptsocjcp@cjcollegeprep.org
All PTSO information can be found on our webpage under the Parents tab or at
http://cjcollegeprep.org/?page_id=8153