



Parent-Faculty Organization @ ITC
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 16th, 2019
5:30-6:30pm School Library

5:30-5:40 p.m.: Welcome & School News Update; Mr. Natoli

In attendance: Principal Formica, Vice Principal Natoli, Julia Hallquist, Kathie Maniaci and at least a dozen parents of students grades 9, 10, 12.
FYI: December's Meeting was cancelled.

5:40 – 6:30 p.m.: McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center Presents Internet Safety

Assistant District Attorney Maureen Barry presented on safe social media use. Assisted by McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center Maureen Foran-Mocete

- Keep in mind that your students use various portals, if you are trying to keep track of their activity, remember to engage them in conversations about what they do and who they chat with, and check frequently.
- Remind them not to accept every friend request
- Preset pages always as private, turn off your phones or devices location.
- Turn off Share Location Settings.

Cyber Bullying: Various criminal punishments were described based on the type of bullying and whether an electronic device is included. When a verbal threat is made via a tweet, iMessage or any other electronic message it can become aggravated assault in 2nd degree.

Age of consent for sexual activity in NY is 17yrs. Teen-to-teen 'sexting' can still be considered a crime if one is under the age of 17, this includes nude or semi-nude photographs and/or any type of sexual language.

Remind your student: Just do NOT SEND nude or semi-nude pictures. It is a recipe for disaster and cannot be controlled once it leaves your child's device.

Both the District Attorney's Office and the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center are available to come into Health classes or other classes to speak to students about healthy relationships and proper social media sharing/behaviors.

6:35-6:45: p.m.: Family Engagement Tamara Williams

Tamara came to hand out the Parent-Engagement Notebooks to all 9th grade parents. The district really needs all parents of 9th graders to get this resource. It is a handy tool for continuous support of the students and family as it has tips and guidance for parents that will follow through high school. If you are the parent/guardian of a 9th grader and do not have your PEN notebook, please contact the school office. Some in attendance suggested Tamara use Facebook and Twitter to advertise receiving PEN notebooks.

We plan to schedule our 1st "Coffee with the Principal" to launch the Family Resource Room after February break. It was suggested that we try to offer the culinary students the opportunity to provide goodies.

Next PFO meeting is February 27th at 5:30 pm in the library.

Our topic: Banking and Budgeting with your High Schooler! Thom Dellwo from Cooperative Federal Credit Union will give a presentation & answer questions to ITC families. Bring your students!

Annual Valentine's Morning Sale on February 14th in the main Lobby for the last minute valentine or friend-o-grams.

February Recess: Feb. 16 – 22, 2019

A Post Script: Our January 18th Bake Sale raised \$313.50! Thank you to everyone who donated, baked & volunteered in any way to help! Current year-to-date PFO Account Balance: \$1,271.83 Shout out to our donators: Tammy Ponto, Michca Fortin, Rosita Williams, Nicole Semmens, Ms. Formica, Gina Howard & Donna Williams. Thanks to Nicole and Gina for selling with Kathie!

CALENDAR NOTES: Upcoming Dates

2018-2019 PFO Meetings Scheduled for: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m on the following evenings

February 27th, 2019

April 24th, 2019

March 20th, 2019.

May 15th, 2019

PFO Bake Sales supporting financial scholarships to graduating seniors:

Valentine's Day Sale of chocolates, cards, stuffed animals.

Items for sale have been purchased. If you would like to donate items to sell or a few dollars to contribute to what has been purchased, please let Kathie know how you can help tonight or via email:

kmaniaci@gmail.com

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Donations of a few dollars can be placed in an envelope and sent in with your student...ask Ms. Capozzi to please put in the PFO mailbox. Please label with your name. Thank you!

