

**Churchill PTA
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 7, 2021**

General Meeting of Churchill PTA was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM – Online Zoom Meeting

Attendees (27): Jamie Wasserman, Julie Rafano, Mr. Hanas, Jamie Snipp, Cathy-Lynn Concel, April Abrams, Dori (Total Party), Ar Sh, Suresh Pandey, Yiminy, Alina Stewart, Kerralos Beshai, Nwamaka Anosike, Brooke, Neepe Mathia, Kartik, Mayjo Phillips, Eva Yong, Stacy Blum, Maria R. , D. Panchal, Jessica Mendez, Olu, Ludmilas, Josalay, Jessica Cervone, Suresh Pandey

Call To Order: 7:05PM

**President's Report:
Jamie Wasserman**

- PTA Membership is open. There is a Google Form which was sent in an email blast and it is posted on the Churchill PTA Facebook page. Payments can be made via Venmo or cash sent to school. PTA money is used for the students and staff. Last year, the PTA purchased two water bottle filling stations for the school. The PTA also hosts teacher appreciation events such as luncheons and provides teacher grants.
- Spirit wear Sale: Starting now. Order forms with images will be emailed home tomorrow. Google form is available to order online. Items have EB logo. Coming soon - We will be selling Laptop cases with a Churchill logo - watch for information in emails.

**Principal's Report:
Mr. Hanas**

- Progress Reports will be available 10/12/21 in Parent Access
- Picture Makeup Day - 10/18/21
- Conferences will take place 10/19-10/22 via Phone calls. Registration for conferences begins on 10/12 in Parent Access
- Start Strong Assessment -
 1. State mandated for 4th-12th grade. Computer based assessment based on the content from the previous school year. This test is not a graduation requirement. Results will be available immediately so that teachers can make adjustments in their teaching this year.
 2. Testing will take place 10/12/21 and 10/13/21 for 8th and 9th grade in English and Math. 9th graders will also have a Science test on 10/13/21.
- Review of Block Schedule: 82 minute periods (A day - periods 1-4, B day- periods 5-8). Lunch is 39 minutes long
- Homeroom Themes: started the week of 9/20
 - Monday: "Managing Mondays" - use time to check emails and manage your week
 - Tuesday: "Tech & Talk Tuesdays" - learn something informational about the Lenovo laptop
 - Wednesday: "We Are Churchill Wednesdays" - school pride/spirit. This week is Respect Week
 - Thursday: "Thoughtful Thursdays" - counselors visit homerooms to discuss different topics - mindfulness activities, support, and Naviance lessons
 - Friday: "Fun Friday" - team building activities

- 8th and 9th Grade Parent Nights - Live Zoom Meetings for each grade. There will be Break-out Rooms with Counselors. Some topics include HS Graduation requirements, Elective options, Community Service, GPA, transcripts, dual credit classes with Middlesex County College
 - 8th Grade - 11/9/21 7:00pm
 - 9th Grade - 11/16/21 7:00pm
- Health & Safety: Everyone has been doing well with mask compliance. There are QR codes on lunch tables where students scan the code and fill out their lunch table number and name each day. This information will be used for contact tracing in case a person at the lunch table comes down with covid.
- Clubs & Activities: Clubs are meeting in person after school. Club registrations can be found online in Community Pass. There has been a school bus driver shortage in many districts which has caused several cancellations or postponements of athletic events.

Questions from the attendees for Mr. Hanas:

- Are there tutors available for extra help?
Yes. National Honor Society students at the HS provide free tutoring. There are also staff members who provide tutoring. Call Ms. Potter at 613-6795 for information about tutoring.
- How many students are in a lunch period?
Approximately 450 students per lunch period
- Are students given “mask breaks” during the day?
Students may remove their masks while eating lunch and when they go outdoors for gym classes
- If my child is vaccinated, should I send a copy of his/her vaccination card to school?
Yes. Copies of vaccination cards should be sent to the school nurse.
- What are the requirements for Honor Roll?
Gold Honor Roll - all A's and Silver Honor Roll - all A's and B's
- Where can I get information about community service?
Information can be found in the Student Handbook and on the School Counseling section of the website. You can also contact Ms. Potter with any questions at 613-6795 or email tashana.boyd-potter@ebnet.org

Next PTA Meeting will be in December via Zoom. We will have a college counselor as a guest speaker. Date is to be determined. Please check your emails for information.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM

Minutes compiled by Julie Rafano, CJHS Recording Secretary