



## **COUNCIL OF DARIEN SCHOOL PARENTS MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2017 GENERAL MEETING**

Wendy Ward opened the meeting at 9:35 am.

Wendy welcomed parents and introduced Marc Marin, Director of Instructional Technology of Darien Public Schools.

Marc Marin and Amy Lareau provided an overview and tutorial of Google Classroom and answered parents' questions; highlights included:

- All student devices in the district use Google Classroom.
- Teachers and students see different information on their Google Classroom screens.
- Google Classroom allows teachers to provide immediate feedback to students.
- Parents may join Google Classroom Guardian to receive weekly or daily summaries of posted information (note: send email request to teacher to join).
- Google Classroom data does not go directly to Aspen.

Following the presentation, Shelly Skoglund made a motion to approve the November CDSP Regular Meeting Minutes. Theresa Vogt seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously with no abstentions.

### **CO-CHAIR UPDATE**

CDSP will host two meetings this January in which Dr. Brenner will answer any questions regarding the school district. The meetings are open to all parents and will be held at DHS on Wednesday, January 17 (elementary schools) and Monday, January 22 (secondary schools).

CDSP/PTOs will be included in the district's digital data download (providing a digital solution for historical data storage - instead of binders).

Brief discussion regarding spending down PTO balances - one suggestion is improved landscaping at the schools

## **BUDGET UPDATE**

Shelly Skoglund reviewed the role of CDSP in the budget process, which includes communicating with school principals and parents, and bringing feedback to CDSP.

Shelly provided a schedule (also on Google Docs) and brief description of important meetings for CDSP members to attend, including:

- Jan 4: 9:30am - CDSP meeting
- Jan 4: 7:00pm - BoE meeting (budget review)
- Jan 6: Super Saturday - review of RCs (8:30am start)
- Jan 11: Speech writing, preparation of questions for BoE meeting (9:30am)
- Jan 16: Special BoE meeting (7:00pm)

Sara Parent made a motion to adjourn the CDSP meeting. Julie Best seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted by Tiffany O'Connor, CDSP Secretary.



