CAPE Meeting Notes - 10/16/25

Dr. Wood - Successful parade - October (National Principal's month) - Recommendations on boundaries submitted by December (not HS, perspectively elementary and middle) - P/T Conferences 11/2 and 11/3

Lisa Smith (PSHS) - Homecoming weeks (great energy, thanks to parents and student council) - pre-ACT testing coming up (non senior attendance day)

Jen Hennegan (Central ES) - recently had culture fair

Bonnie McBeth - Oct 29/30, fall festival & annual parade - Veteran's Day parade 11/10 and 11/11 (9am and 1:30) - if want to read book to students would love to have you (those who served) - 10/26 (no student attendance) - fun run record breaking raised over $30,000

Student Cape Reps (Miranda Moreno Balderas & Malcolm Henes (PSHS)) - They had a beginning of the year food truck festival/senior sunrise/senior bbqs/successful football games/powder puff games - current challenges ~ chronic absenteeism (maybe incentives could work), equity in curriculum offerings (dual credit psychology, AP world history), AI & technology usage (new rise in personal devices being brought to school - non school issued laptops) - Exit question ~ ***Would making student festivals/events during their lunch and free periods increase student morale and motivation?*** AND… ***What provokes a student to feel the need to use AI/technology to compromise their academic integrity?*** (sounds like car shows are very fun and keep kids off their phones - also senior sunrise all kids just hanging and talking with friends - no interest in phones) - pointing out kids can't use AI, but teachers use it on assignments and/or feedback - gets confusing for students

(Suggested - teachers show kids how to effectively use AI without just "show me the answer"... but "How do we solve this problem" or "help me improve this" - Some want less at earlier age so kids can process and work on handwriting - possibly introducing AI skills in middle school)

Barb Seiden (Board of Education) - Annual financial report, reviewed projectprs, potential funding approach (health life safety bonds), updated fund strategy (fund balances they have on hand) - looking at 3 year projection instead of yearly, homeschoolers participating in district athletics, real world application and work experience and school pride and sense of engagement

Kelly Larson (Community Relations) - Chicago Wolves fundraiser (link in cafe - Sunday 11/1 @ 3pm) - portion of proceeds go to foundation - Horizon Summer Learning Grant (grant for current juniors - apply now for enrichment opportunity for upcoming summer) - Dr. Wood and Kristen talked about Bonnie McBeth grant (6 staff members awarded)

Plainfield Library - Open on Sundays again (1-5pm), last couple days of voting for spooky graham cracker house contest, halloween event next Saturday (11-1pm - 10/24) - same day as Spooktacular downtown, library app (card always on app) - events calendar to sign up for programs - can wirelessly print from app - can scan book barcode elsewhere to see if library has book and put on hold

Joliet Library - Free tutoring at both Joliet libraries (math and reading) - sign up through calendar, blackroad library (bug bowl) - new art gallery (featuring river view students), November 7th no registration event

Fountaindale Library - Tomororw, annual monster bash book mobile (Target 10-2pm Bolingbrook - do not need library card), 11/7 annual Starwars day

YMCA - 1-3pm Spooktacular Trunk or Treat 10/17 (free/open to community), Kids night out (Friday nights once a month - 6:30-9pm ages 5-10) - next is 10/23, 11/20, 12/18 - celebrating 20 years this year - membership sale 10/23-26th features no joining fee), Youth Bball league coming up (register before 11/9 for discount), clinics start in Dec - games in January - sponsorships if interested (jersey's have your biz on jersey), Back the truck for toy collection - Sat. 11/14 - partnering with UPS and Marine Corps for toys for tots 10-1pm - Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there - hot chocolate

President's Report - Email for fundraisers you're having - share success on cafe, rep folder officially live in Cafe, only 11 schools have filled out treasurer form, only 5 reps have filled out badge form (will repost link), position up for election - president/1st vp/secretary

Secretary & Treasurer's Report - Proposed budget (everything aligned with how we've worked in past) - beginning balances are for actual income from September of 2025 - one thing added 50th anniversary fundraiser or CAPE rebanding (possibly) - #s are skeleton numbers - IF they go that direction - low for a reason, haven't worked out details - stayed on target with expenses (some lower than expected) - government filings still the same - going to establish tax exempt letter (will be cost to that - not included here) - homecoming (Mojo's donated breakfast for judges - no expenses) - trophies and judge's gifts (same) - CAPE reception (same) - scholarship (same) - once figure out teacher appreciation - # may change

Total deposit of $2,500 - unknown check for $200.00 (currently under donation) - $2,805 total deposit - central, indian trail, and drauden received today checks given today

Old Business - Homecoming trophy presentation in November - 1st Central, 2nd Creekside, 3rd riverview (elementary float winners) - Heritage Grove - 3rd Place

New Business -
Parent 101 Meeting Monday 5-8pm - PTO President and Treasurer encouraged to attend - entire board is welcome.