

Central School PTO Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Introduction: The meeting began at 7:02 pm in the school library. PTO board members in attendance were the following: Jeannine Glavas, Samantha Durst, Jeanine Vaia, Allyn Pilewski, Patrick O’Laughlin, Sue Pipal, Erin Durkin, and Tracy Sloan.

Minutes: Jeanine Vaia made a motion to approve the January 14, 2011 PTO Meeting Minutes, Sue Pipal seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Officer’s Reports:

Co-President’s Report: Jeannine Glavas discussed the **Communications Director Bylaw:** The Communications Director position was created to oversee electronic communications including E-Backpack and Feedblitz. The PTO Bylaws can be amended by a 2/3’s vote and notice given at the previous meeting. Sue Pipal made a motion to adopt the new proposed amendment. Kate Nessinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Proposed/Nominating Committee: Jeannine Glavas suggested that if anyone is interested in serving on next year’s PTO board to contact Melinda Brom.

World Language Group: Jeannine Glavas stated that Dr. Lamberson is looking for a PTO representative from each school to serve on the World Language Group. Amy Jacksic volunteered.

Global Connections Representative: Jeannine Glavas reported that a representative from Central school is needed on the Global Connections Committee, a group to organize students skyping with others around the world. Allyn Pilewski volunteered.

Safety: Samantha Durst reported on the safety concerns in front of the school at drop off. Sam reported that there have been near misses when children are dropped off in middle lanes of traffic. A Traffic Safety Committee has been formed to propose a safety communication plan. A Feedblitz will go out tomorrow which will include a 10 point list from Police.

1st VP’s Report: Erin Durkin reported that she and Tracy are collecting Committee Chair folders or they can be returned to the PTO filing cabinet, located in the Cultural Arts Closet. Kindergarten Information Night is in early March.

2nd VP’s Report: Sue Pipal thanked everyone for a phenomenal fundraising year. The auction made \$17,000; the 100% Fund made over \$5,000; and Original Works made \$780.00.

3rd VP’s Report: Jeanine Vaia reported that orders for 2011-12 school calendars will be offered on the first day of school.

Treasurer’s Report: Patrick O’Laughlin reported the changes from last month are an extra \$200 for the 100% fund and Boxtops are at \$391.

Board Of Education Meeting Highlights: Patrick reported that Dr. Limperis discussed the student population. 1574 students were anticipated for 2011-12 year, but the actual number is 1580-1590. Dr. Limperis reported on the District 96 dashboard which is updated every January with goals and statistics. The District is in good financial shape. There will be nine Kindergarten sections next year. The Flexible Boundary policy changes may be implemented in 2012-13.

Guest Speakers: Communities United for RBHS speakers Tim Scanlon (Assistant Principal at RB), Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak (parent), and Christina Daily (student), discussed the benefits of passing the RBHS upcoming referendum. Information can be found on the website www.yesrbhs.org

Committee Reports:

Auction: Samantha Durst reported that she and her daughter went to the American Girl Store with teachers as a teacher donation and that the kids had a blast.

Pavers: Sam reported that paver sales will be launched in another month and to look for flyers.

Book Fair: Amy Jacksic reported that the Book Fair sold 11,300 books and \$6,800 went towards books for the school. Last year was the biggest year ever. \$466 worth of books went to the Infant Welfare Society.

Creative Learning Committee/RAIN: Mary Komperda reported that the first parent night will be held on February 23 at 7:00 at Hauser library. This is for parents of students with IEP's, 504's, ECE, out of District placement or interest in special education. Speakers will be Dr. Polk, Director Special Education, and a speaker from LADSE (LaGrange Area Department of Special Education). Parents will discuss processes and build a bigger parent network.

Cultural Arts-Adopt a Painting: Allyn Pilewski reported that there are 42 paintings that rotate throughout the year. The PTO has paid for nine prints to be reframed so far this year. There is an opportunity to adopt any of 30 remaining prints. Online payment will be taken in a week. The goal is to have all 30 framed by the end of the year.

Ice Skating party: Sam Durst has flyers for the Ice Skating Party to be held at Addison Ice Rink from 1-3:00.

Read to Succeed: Sam reported for Paula Fudacz that the "Read to Succeed" deadline is February 25. In this program your student can earn a ticket to Six Flags for documenting 360 minutes of reading.

Yearbook: Kim Bolton reported that the yearbook is "in progress." The fifth graders are the writers and are taking many photos. 18+ students are involved and they decided to dedicate this yearbook to Mrs. Kustok. Kim stated that she relies on parent and teacher photos and those can be downloaded on an online photo site. Contact Kim Bolton or Kim Frank for login information.

Riverside Foods Cards: Jane Wilhelm reported that the food cards sales have made \$188 this year. Riverside Foods kicks back 5%.

100% Fund: Jane Wilhelm reported that the fund is at \$4,465 plus \$1,000 from last Spring = \$5,465 to date.

Great Lakes Scrip: Jane reported that shopwithscrip.com made over \$80 in December. See Kate Nessinger for instruction.

Artist in Residence: Dawn Gmitro reported that the Brian Fox Ellis program will open with an assembly on March 18. Workshops in classes will start next week. Hollywood students will come to Central for a final performance on March 26. There will be a follow up activity after spring break when parents can hear the students' work.

Principal's Report: Dr. Limperis reported that there are parent teacher conferences on Friday. The student council is open to all fifth graders. 18 students are involved. They

sponsored the Share your Soles project. Central School has been awarded Academic Excellence for the fifth year in a row.

Teachers' Representative: Mrs. Barbara Johnson reported showed off the new snow shoes purchased by the PTO. She talked about the wonderful experience she had snow shoeing with the ecology club.

Board of Education Candidates: David Kodama, Michael O'Brien, Art Perry and Hareena Wakely spoke about their backgrounds and goals for being members of the Board of Education.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Nessinger, Recording Secretary.