

Central School PTA Minutes Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Introduction: The meeting began at 9:02 am in the Library. The PTA officers in attendance: Linda LaBelle, Mary Ellen Meindl, Jeannine Glavas, Kathy Dudek, Allyn Pilewski and Patrick O'Laughlin. Also in attendance: District 96 Superintendent Dr. Lamberson, Central School Principal Dr. Limperis, Central School Teacher Samantha Lutz and Cheryl Berdelle, President of District 96 Board of Education.

Minutes: The November 6, 2007 minutes were approved by Michelle Hejna and seconded by Sandy Briolat.

Correspondence: Linda LaBelle passed around the correspondence.

President's Report: Linda LaBelle informed of the unexpected passing of Cary Jan, a parent of two Central 4th Grade students. The 4th Grade class is holding a special collection to purchase a paver in memory of Cary Jan. A portion of the Kid's Care Collection this year will be given to the Jan family. Amy Wolfe is coordinating making meals for the Jan family.

Treasurer's Report: Linda LaBelle reported that the 100% Fund is doing very well and another flyer was sent out for end of the year contributions. Innisbrook has earned approximately \$7100.

Principal's Report: Dr. Limperis stated that the Holiday program is Thursday December 13th with day (1:30 pm) and evening (7:00 pm) sessions. The Parent/Teacher conferences went well, with the teachers feeling that enough time was given to cover the topics.

Teacher Representative: Samantha Lutz stated that the conferences went well and the 20 minutes per conference was enough time to cover all topics (MAP testing, student progress and questions). If anyone still has questions about the MAP scores, please call the teacher. The Parent/Teacher Conference dinner went well and the teachers thanked the PTA. Samantha passed around essays from students on how to cook a turkey.

Special Guest – Cheryl Berdelle, District 96 Board of Education President: Cheryl Berdelle gave an overview of how the Board of Education works day to day. The role of the board is to set policies and strategies for where the district wants to go in the future as well as giving support to the administration. The Board of Education has 7 board members (each with 4 year terms) and three committees (Education, Building and Finance). The Committee meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of the month (at 5 or 6pm) before the Board meeting (at 7:30 pm). The Committee Meetings rotate every 3 months. The Committee members are Board members, with 3 members per committee. Everything is discussed during the Committee meeting, the board members give their input, no group conversations are made before the meeting about the issues or how each member might

vote. The discussions do not take place during the Board meeting, since they were already discussed in the Committee meeting. The Board is very supportive of District 96. The responsibility of the Board is to review the finances and balance educational objectives while being fiscally responsible. The current issue facing the Board is enrollment, especially at Ames. Cheryl also stated that issues that parents/students have should first be addressed to the teacher, then if not resolved the principal, then the superintendent. If any issues are not resolved after this, they might be brought to the Board of Education, but the issue will only be dealt with if it is a Board issue.

Committee Reports:

Library Volunteers: Jeannine Glavas reported that the Library observed the 88th Annual Book Week with mystery readers including Dr. Lamberson, Dr. Limperis and many grandparents. The new December bulletin board was decorated by Samantha Durst and William Sleeth. Books have been dedicated in honor of library volunteers and a copy has been sent home to read and then return for the library collection. Please let Gail or Nora know if you haven't received one.

Jr. Great Books/ Flying Carpet Club: Aberdeen Ozga stated that there were two training sessions with 26 parent volunteers. Enrollment is open until the end of the week. 90 students are enrolled so far. The sessions are as follows: 5th Grade: 2; 4th Grade: 2; 3rd Grade: 3; 2nd Grade: 5; 1st Grade: 3 or 4.

Central 100% Fund: Linda LaBelle reported that the fund is doing well.

PTA/PTO Committee: Mary Ellen Meindl stated that the committee met Friday and are still in discussion on the topic.

Linda LaBelle thanked the Committee Chairs and volunteers during November: Library Bulletin Board, Connie and Laura Gaberik ; P/T Conference Dinner, Paula Fudacz and Diane Grossi; Reflections, Karen Layng; Library Committee – Book Week, Jeannine Glavas, Mary Ellen Meindl and Min Enger; November Cultural Arts volunteers and the December Meeting hostesses: Kim Jacobs and Sandy Briolat.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Patrick O'Laughlin, Recording Secretary.