

Central School PTA Minutes Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Introduction: The meeting began at 7:08 pm in the Library. The PTA officers in attendance: Linda LaBelle, Jeannine Glavas, Rick LaBelle, Kathy Dudek, Sue Miller, Nancy Hopkins and Patrick O’Laughlin. Also in attendance: Central School Principal Dr. Limperis and Central School Teacher Samantha Lutz.

Minutes: The January 8, 2008 minutes were approved by Jeannine Glavas and seconded by Michelle Hejna.

Correspondence: Sue Miller passed around letters from Pride attendees from Hauser thanking the PTA. March and June meeting hostesses are needed, if interested, please contact Sue.

President’s Report: Linda LaBelle reported that she and Kathy Dudek met with Innisbrook. All their paper and chocolate products are made in the USA using environmentally friendly chemical-free recycled papers. The 2008 catalog will be printed on recycled paper. As a reminder, you can still purchase items online, use code 102361 to credit Central School. Connie (a grandparent) Gaberik and Laura Gaberik decorated the January Library board as well as the Snowmen in the Library contest, where the class that reads the most books will win a pizza party. Some PTA brochures regarding healthy eating and careers were available at the meeting. As a reminder, please only use email addresses from the student directory for school related activities.

Treasurer’s Report: Rick LaBelle reported that we are \$1300 ahead of the proposed budget.

Principal’s Report: Dr. Limperis reported that according to the county, District 96 is obligated to hold voting at 61 Woodside. However, since the buildings are connected, the Hauser Library can be used. There is direct exterior access to the Library and the custodians will monitor to make sure that no one gains access to other parts of the building. Valentine’s Day parties will take place next Thursday morning. Please remember if sweets are brought, there must be a healthy alternative. Edena Henstrom is the new second language teacher. She will be at Central Monday – Thursday from 9:30 -12:15. Thank you for the additional support for the TDPE room. Everything has been ordered and the work on the climbing wall will be on February 14th and 15th and the room should be ready in March. The Flying Carpet Club is going well and the kids love it (thank you Aberdeen). Dr. Limperis stated that the district implemented a new art curriculum. According to state law, all curricula must correspond to state learning standards. Mrs. Mathis will attend the April PTA meeting to speak with us about how the art classes fulfill the criteria. Dr. Limperis stated that the kiln should not be used where it is currently located (in the old boy’s bathroom) as there is not much room in there and there is no venting.

Teacher Representative: Samantha Lutz reported that the Flying Carpet Club is going well and interest is high. She asked that the parent volunteers please wait until the bell rings to enter the classroom, to limit class interruptions. The teachers loved the Artist in Residence, Bill Buczinski, who was creative and motivated. He helped the student’s work shine and gave them the building blocks for good poetry. The teachers are working on setting up class time for poetry in February. Samantha passed around flip books about John Henry, Johnny Appleseed and Paul Bunyon from Mrs. Kladis’ 3rd grade and showed the quilt Ms. Laughlin’s 4th grade class made.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Jeannine Glavas reported that the Nominating Committee will present the proposed slate at the March 4th meeting. If there are any questions, please contact Jeannine or Linda LaBelle.

Spring Family Fun Night: Will be dinner (pizza) and a movie (Toy Story and Night at the Museum) held on Friday March 7th. A flyer will be sent in the backpacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Ellen Meindl.

Book Fair: Beverly Aieta stated that the Book Fair setup will be April 7th and teardown April 14th. The Ice Cream Social will be Thursday of that week at 7pm.

Early Childhood Screening: Kathy Dudek stated that early childhood screening will be February 21 and 22. Eleven have volunteered, but two more are still needed. It is from after drop off until 12:30pm.

Ice Skating Party: Will be held on Friday February 15th from 1-2:30pm at Ridgeland Commons Ice Rink. Skate rental is available for \$2.00, the rink rental is paid for by the PTA.

5th Grade Activities: Include t-shirts (for district-wide games night) and the end of year picnic.

Talent Show: The Talent Show “dates to remember” was passed around. There are volunteer opportunities available. Flyers will be sent out.

Box Tops: The first check (last summer and early this year) was \$188.00. There are two checks per year for box tops. Campbell’s labels have allowed us to purchase several items for PE classes.

Valentines for soldiers and Veterans: Kathy Dudek reported that Barbara Margolis made a DVD with Hauser and sent it to Central’s (and other schools in the district) soldier families. Sgt. Michael Gray sent two flags to the students and staff at Central. Sgt. Gray visited Central and brought items from Iraq (rugs, money, etc.) that the kids got to touch and they really learned a lot. Kathy passed around notes from the kids to Sgt. Grey.

Announcements: Thank you to our Committee Chairs and the many volunteers during January: **Artist in Residence;** Dawn Gmitro, **Library Bulletin Board;** Connie & Laura Gabernik, **Little Symphony;** Alisa Jerz, **January Cultural Arts volunteers,** **Sgt. Michael Gray visit;** Kathy Dudek and the **February Meeting hostesses;** Michelle Hejna & Karen Doornebos.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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