

## **Central School PTO Minutes** **Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

**Introduction:** The meeting began at 9:04 am in the Library. The PTO officers in attendance: Mary Ellen Meindl, Melinda Brom, Michelle Marconi, Jane Wilhelm, Nancy Hutchings, Linda LaBelle, Jennifer Sedivy and Patrick O'Laughlin. Also in attendance: District 96 Superintendent Dr. Lamberson, Central School Principal Dr. Limperis and Central School Teachers Samantha Lutz and Stephanie Musgrave.

**Hauser Pride Trip Reports:** Elise Castelez, Hannah Claywell and Thomas Leary spoke about their experiences at the Pride Conference. They thanked the PTO for sponsoring them to the conference. They all had an enjoyable time and stated that it was an amazing experience.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the April 7th, 2009 minutes was made by Nancy Hutchings and seconded by Allyn Pilewski. The motion passed.

**Staff Member and Volunteer of the year:** The Executive Board selected Stephanie Musgrave for Staff Member of the year for her work creating the C.A.K.E. program and Dawn Gmitro for Volunteer of the year for her work on the Striding Lion program. Their names are engraved on plaques in the Library.

**C.A.K.E.:** Central School Teacher Stephanie Musgrave reported that the C.A.K.E. (Courteous And Kind to Everyone) theme has been successful. Every month is dedicated to a character trait and is encouraged during that month. The C.A.K.E. theme will be continued for next year. She also thanked the PTO for their help.

**2009/10 Officer's Election:** A motion was made by Beverly Aieta and seconded by Linda LaBelle to accept the officer slate for the 2009/10 Executive Board. The motion passed. The 2009/10 Executive Board is: President: Allyn Pilewski; Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents Committee and Room Parents: Nancy Hutchings and Jennifer Sedivy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Fundraising and Philanthropy: Jeanine Vaia; Treasurer: Jane Wilhelm; Recording Secretary: Kate Nessinger; and Parliamentarian: Mary Ellen Meindl.

### **Officers' Reports:**

**President:** Mary Ellen Meindl reported that cakes (for the C.A.K.E. theme) will be delivered to classrooms for decoration on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Philanthropy:** Nancy Hutchings reported that philanthropy requests were made for conference tables, A/R tests, Kindergarten author lists, recycle bins (Ecology Club) and playground stencils. The total cost is approximately \$1600. A motion was made to approve the requests for 2009/10 by Michelle Marconi and seconded by Kate Nessinger. The motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Jennifer Sedivy passed around invitations to the Installation Luncheon at The Chew Chew.

**Treasurer:** Jane Wilhelm distributed account statements. Items of note: Teacher week cost about \$1,000 and we still need to pay for books from the book fair. Please submit any receipts you may have for this year.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Limperis thanked everyone involved in Turn Off the TV Week, it was a lot of fun. On May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:05pm we will have a fire drill from the Cafeteria. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade D.A.R.E. graduation is on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. The last day of school for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> for everyone else. The K.I.T.E. program will be a 4 day a week program for next year. Please pickup information on after school programs in the office. Please note: it doesn't include a half day program for Kindergarten.

**Teacher's Report:** Samantha Lutz reported that the Open House was a huge hit. The Teacher Appreciation week was great. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will take over as patrols for the end of the year. Abe Lincoln was the historical perspectives presentation last Thursday.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Lamberson thanked everyone for a fabulous year. Next year the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will have laptops.

**PTO Committee Reports:**

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Melinda Brom reported that the Teachers and Students are having a great time with Teacher Appreciation Week.

**Library:** Melinda Brom reported that for National Children's Book Week students can guess their Teacher's favorite books on the bulletin board in the Library.

**Other Business:**

**April Board of Education Meeting Update:** Mary Ellen Meindl reported that school fees will remain the same for 09/10 (same as the past 4 years). The Laptop Coordinator will be Liz Whaley (tech person at Hauser). The technology budget is \$171,000 and \$150,000 is being reallocated to the laptop program. The computers currently being used by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be used by the other grades. Enrollment per class for Kindergarten was 20 now it has been increased to 23. Only one family has been asked to relocate to another school. The Hardscape/Landscape for Ames has been approved and will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>, Hauser work is back to the drawing board. National Investigations has been hired for the residency check of all District 96 families. As of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1455 are enrolled in District 96.

**Announcements:** Thank you to **Book Fair Chairs:** Beverly Aieta and Nancy Hopkins and all the volunteers; **Ice Cream Social Chairs:** Julie Tucek, Nadine Espisito and all the volunteers; **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Games Chairs:** Deb Gardnier and Olga Prybl Pierdinock and their team of volunteers; **Garden Gurus:** Michelle Marconi, Kate Nessinger and volunteers; **Turn Off TV Week Chairs:** Ingrid Lulich, Dorie Skiest and their volunteers; **Program Chair:** Karen Layng; **Talent Show Chairs:** Kim Jacobs, Tiffany McManus and volunteers; **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon:** Maura Braun; **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Sandy Briolat, Melinda Brom and Lauren Zobel; **Webmaster:** Chris Hajer; and our **Library and Cultural Arts Volunteers.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

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