

Central School PTA Minutes **Tuesday, May 6, 2008**

Introduction: The meeting began at 9:04 am in the Library. The PTA officers in attendance: Linda LaBelle, Mary Ellen Meindl, Kathy Dudek, Allyn Pilewski, Nancy Hopkins and Patrick O'Laughlin. Also in attendance: District 96 Superintendent Dr. Lamberson, Central School Principal Dr. Limperis and Central School Teacher Samantha Lutz.

Pride Students: Meghan Orgler and Claire Childers, two Hauser students who attended the PRIDE convention in Cincinnati, spoke about their experience. They attended many workshops, learned a lot and had an enjoyable time.

Minutes: The April 1, 2008 minutes were approved by Kathy Louthen and seconded by Anne Kodama.

President's Report: Linda LaBelle

Correspondence: The PTA Installation luncheon is Friday, May 16th. If you wish to attend, please respond by Monday.

Treasurer: The expenses for the year are on track at about \$24,000.

Philanthropy: Allyn Pilewski reported on the philanthropy projects including the TDPE room, 4th Grade books, art history DVDs, and a picnic table and catering tables. A motion was made by Nancy Hutchings to approve \$600.00 for stenciling the blacktop area (with activities for recess) and seconded by Nancy Hopkins. The motion passed.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Lamberson thanked everyone for a great year and thanked everyone for the flexibility regarding Hauser's space needs. He wished everyone a great summer.

Principal's Report: Dr. Limperis passed around a thank you book for the TDPE room. On May 9th author and illustrators Kate and Jim McMillan will visit K-2 with a program entitled "I Stink". May 23rd is the Memorial Day program and May 28th is the awards program for the 5th Grade at 9 am. The Clap out is June 4th at 2:55pm. 5th Grade teacher Valerie Brackett will be going to Hollywood school. Mrs. Henneberry will be moving to Mr. Howes' room and Mr. Howes will be moving to Ms. Brackett's old room. The letters for placement in the gifted program are going out today. They will include math and reading scores on the letters and lots of information. Parents will have the option for an appeal or review of placement. A system of multiple criteria is used for placement, which is more inclusive. First MAP percentile is used in reading and math. If the score falls on the border, then a parent and teacher questionnaire is used to determine placement. Next year, the Quest program will begin in 3rd Grade, since no MAP tests are given in 1st Grade and the instructional needs are met in the classroom.

Teacher Representative: Samantha Lutz reported on the Teacher Appreciation week. The Mexican feast was awesome and the smoothies were great. All the teachers are looking forward to Jem Café. There was great turnout for the Open House. If any 4th Grade parents couldn't attend, please contact the teacher to arrange to come in before or after school. Please check with you child to see if they need any more supplies, since some students are running low. Samantha thanked all the parents for help in the classroom as well as with field trips and parties.

PTA Committee Reports:

PTO/PTA: The PTO/PTA committee recommended disbanding the PTA and forming a PTO, which would result in about \$500 savings per year as well as better insurance. In order to form a PTO we would need to spend \$750 to the IRS for a letter of determination (to operate under 501(c)3 status), \$50 to the Secretary of State for filing fees and \$250 to CPA Mary Welch for tax forms. To dissolve the PTA at least 20 signatures are needed on the petition to dissolve the PTA. A motion was made by Mary Jo Robling to “form Central School Parent Teacher Organization of District 96 with the intent to have it replace, in due course, the Central PTA as the Parent Teacher organization for Central School” and seconded by Anne Kodama. A hand vote was taken with 21 in favor and 0 opposed, passing the motion. A motion was then made by Anne Kodama to elect the incoming PTA officers as the PTO officers and seconded by Dawn Gmitro. The motion passed. A motion was made to authorize spending \$1000 from the current account to start the PTO by Jane Wilhelm and seconded by Beverly Aieta, which passed. A motion to approve spending \$575 for PTO insurance was made by Michelle Mendoza and seconded by Kathy Louthen, which passed. A motion was made to not finalize the 100% Fund letter until the June 3rd meeting by Mary Jo Robling and seconded by Anne Kodama, which passed. Nancy Hopkins stated that in order to dissolve the PTA, we will need to schedule a vote with 60 days notice after we have filed the letters of incorporation. A motion was made by Kathy Louthen to authorize spending \$25 to expedite (within 24 hours) the articles of incorporation and was seconded by Allyn Pilewski. The motion passed. The current bylaws will be changed with references to the PTA changed to PTO with no other substantial changes. There will be a 30 day review of the changes.

Book Fair/Kids Care One for Books: Beverly Aieta reported that the book fair brought in \$10,790 and the change collection in the classrooms brought in \$931 (Scholastic will match this amount). We will be able to get all 15 DVD players for the school as well as have some extra money for author kits. Thank you to Kim Pietrowski (Lutes) for donating her laptop to the Book Fair.

Roadrunner Yearbooks: The Roadrunner is going to the printer on Monday.

Artist in Residence 08/09: Dawn Gmitro reported that the Illinois Arts Council grant for Artist in Residence is being reviewed on Thursday. If approved then next year we will have a six week interdisciplinary program run by Striding Lion using theater, music and drama. The program will incorporate U of C math and geometry and will concentrate on 4th and 5th Grades, with all other grades participating.

Talent Show: Colleen Lieggi reported that the Talent show has 47 acts and will be about a 94 minute show. The show will be Tuesday, May 20th at 1pm and Wednesday, May 21st at 7pm.

100% Fund Survey Results: Kathy Dudek reported that there were 91 surveys returned about the 100% Fund. From the surveys, 76 contributed to the 100% Fund, half purchased Innisbrook and more than half purchased Original works. Thank you to the committee and those supporting the 100% Fund.

Announcements: Thank you to Dr. Limperis, Samantha Lutz and Dr. Lamberson for all their cooperation. Thank you to our Committee Chairs and many volunteers during April: **Book Fair;** Bev Aieta & committee, **Kids Care;** Cheryl Dowling, **Ice Cream Social;** Nadine Espisito & Julie Tucek, **Library Bulletin Board;** Connie & Laura Gabernik, **April Cultural Arts volunteers, 5th Grade t-shirts and Games night;** Olga Pribyl, **Little Symphony;** Alisa Jerz, **PE Helper;** Deb Zigulich, **Prismatic Program;** Mary Jurgens & Jeanine Vaia, **May Meeting hostesses;** Anne Kodama & Gloria Gyssler.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

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