

Central School PTO Meeting Minutes Friday, September 10, 2010

Introduction: The meeting began at 9:05 am in Central's Library. PTO officers in attendance were: Samantha Durst, Jeannine Glavas, Jeanine Vaia, Tracy Sloan, Patrick O'Laughlin, Sue Pipal, Allyn Pilewski. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Jon Lamberson, Principal Dr. Janice Limperis, and Teacher Representative Samantha Lutz. Jeannine Glavas called the meeting to order and reported that future PTO meetings will be held on the second Friday of the month except for November and February meetings which will be held on Tuesday evenings.

Minutes: Allyn Pilewski made a motion to approve the May 4, 2010 meeting minutes. Sue Pipal seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Lamberson reported that this year is the highest enrollment since the District's inception, 136 years ago. There are currently 1,585 students in the District. There is an emphasis on learning with technological resources. The laptop program was rolled out last year. Applecore International will look at us and one other school district to learn about our technology program. Everyone should look at the resource guide on the web page for emergencies: if there is a school emergency a telephone call to all parents will be made with a recorded message from Dr Lamberson. When a "lock down" occurs, there is an adult at the door monitoring the entry and exit of all people. When a "lock out" occurs, no one is allowed in or out of the school. The first priority is to keep the students safe.

Principal's Report: Dr. Limperis reported that we have 62 kindergarteners and 30 additional new children. We have 2 new teachers this year: Ms. Economos and Mr. Endriukaitis, both of whom are Kindergarten teachers. Some teaching changes are as follows: Mrs. Ross moved from Kindergarten to 3rd grade, Ms. Whitelaw moved from Kindergarten to 2nd grade, Ms. Brackett moved from 3rd to 5th grade. Ms. O'Rourke is a reading specialist. Meg O'Brien is leading a Friendship Club for new students, which will meet several times each year over lunch. Dr. Limperis reported on this year's goals: 1. Block schedule - all students in each grade will learn each subject at the same time to instruct students at own level; and 2. Writing program -this year students are writing in the classroom daily with the Regie Routman program; 3. Science in a Can is being revised this year; and 4. "Put Your Best Foot Forward" –a new slogan for this year to replace the C.A.K.E slogan. Curriculum Night is this Thursday in the Auditorium. Dr Limperis announced that she will retire after 2012.

Teacher's Report: Mrs. Sam Lutz reported that MAP testing will take place next week. Each student, grades 1-5, will be taken out of the room and the teacher will test reading levels. Grades 2-5 will be tested on the computer. The Quest gifted program for grades 3-5 began this week. Math is held 1 day/week and reading 3 days/week. Mrs. Lutz asked that parents place an extra lunch ticket in your child's backpack in case a lunch is forgotten.

Officers' Reports:

Presidents' Reports: Jeannine Glavas reported that this is the first year that the Central School PTO has co-presidents (Jeannine Glavas and Samantha Durst). Sam stated that the money raised by the PTO is funding the Cultural Arts and Artist in Residence programs. The Artist in Residence program is built on a 3 year approach - the first year is a small program both in time involved and funding needed, the second year is a medium sized program, and the third year is a large program involving more time for the students and more funding. This year we are teaming with Hollywood School to put on a program with Brian Fox Ellis, a storyteller.

1st VPs' Report: Tracy Sloan thanked all the volunteers for chairing committees. It's never too late to volunteer and there are many different levels of involvement.

Treasurer's Report: Patrick O'Laughlin presented the proposed 2010-11 budget. Dawn Gmitro made a motion to approve the proposed 2010-11 PTO budget. Nina Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Patrick suggested that the money left in the PTO fund from August be used to pay for landscaping the playground. Julie Tucek made a motion to use the left over PTO funds to pay for the playground landscaping. Sue Pipal seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2nd VP's Report: Sue Pipal thanked everyone for their support in the \$24,000 fundraising budget.

3rd VP's Report: Jeanine Vaia reported that Calendars are now being sold in the office for \$5. Directory orders are still being taken. Anyone who did not order a Directory can still do so by putting \$5 with a completed form into the PTO mailbox to Jeanine's attention. Contact Jeanine if you are uncertain if you ordered a Calendar or Directory. While Jeanine collects the money for the Directory, any questions regarding Directory contact information should be directed to Jen Pacourek or Sandy Briolat. There is babysitting during the PTO meetings in the Hauser cafeteria.

Parliamentarian: Allyn Pilewski proposed to amend the bylaws to change the day the meetings are held each month and to change the vice presidents' responsibilities. A motion was made by Angela Izzo and seconded by Kim Macchia.

Committee Reports:

Grant Writer: Jennie Hepker Royer reported she is working on two grants, Lowes Toolbox for \$4,000 and Riverside Township for \$1,000.

Approval of Audit: Amy Jacksic noted two exceptions with the audit: scrip sales and a PJ Klems receipt. Julie Tucek made a motion to approve the audit, Tracy Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Family Fun Night: Tracy Sloan reported that September 24 is Family Fun Night in the Hauser parking lot. There will be pizza, a DJ and dancing.

Zero Waste Lunch: Dawn Gmitro asked everyone to have the students bring a reusable lunch box and water bottle to lunch.

Artist in Residence: Dawn Gmitro stated that last year's project was in classrooms and this year it will be storyteller, Brian Fox Ellis. <http://www.foxtalesint.com/>

Cultural Arts: Allyn Pilewski reported that there will be an orientation meeting on September 24. Seven of 36 paintings will be fixed with new frames and matting. Please sign up to help Greg Nessinger paint game stencils on the back playground.

Library: Jeannine Glavas encouraged those who want to be a library reader or helper to contact their classroom Lead Room Parents.

Creative Learning Committee: Mary Komperda explained that this committee focuses on students with IEP's and 504's. It is a resource for parents in District 96 and the community with a goal to include all students in the programs and events at Central.

Halloween Play: The play will be held on October 29. Angie Cary is the contact.

Riverside Foods Scrip: Jane Wilhelm reported that the PTO gets 5% back from the scrip cards. Jane will pick up forms on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

100% Fund: Jane Wilhelm stated that the goal is to raise \$6,000 this year and \$2,500 has been collected to date. This is an ongoing fund raiser.

Scrip program: Jane Wilhelm explained that we are looking into the Great Lakes Scrip gift cards program as an additional fund raiser.

Innisbrook: Samantha Durst reported that the fund raiser runs from the 15-29th of September. Packets will be sent home. A goal of \$4,000 has been set.

Auction: There will be an E-Backpack request sent out for donations. The auction "Starry Nights" will be held on November 5 at PJ Klems, with a goal of \$10,000.

Other Business: The PTO feedblitz is email regarding PTO functions sent from the PTO to all subscribers. Requests go to Jeannine Glavas and Samantha Durst before posting. E backpack is a posting from school which must be approved by Dr. Limperis. The posting must be a "pdf" file and photos must be in "jpeg" format. Personal email accounts are not listed. A .ptonews email link can be created for the contact person. The deadline for both is on Friday for a Wednesday post.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am. The meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by Kate Nessinger, Recording Secretary.