

**Central School PTO Meeting  
April 13, 2012**

**Call to Order** 9:06 a.m. in the Central School Library  
Board Members Present: Jeannine Glavas, Amy Jacksic, Erin Durkin, Jeanine Vaia, Angela Izzo, Patrick O’Laughlin and Aberdeen Ozga.

**Minutes** Motion to Approve the Minutes of March 9, 2012.  
Motion made by Erin Durkin; Seconded by Angela Izzo. Motion carries.

**Officers Reports**

**Co-Presidents** Nominating Committee Jeannine Glavas thanked the nominating committee, headed by Sue Pipal, and reintroduced the Committee’s slate, which had been approved at the General PTO Meeting in March. Co-Presidents: Amy Jacksic and Lynda Murphy; 1<sup>st</sup> VPs Paula Fudacz and Amy Mooney; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jessica Niekrasz; 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Kim Macchia; Treasurer: Angela Izzo; Parliamentarian; Aberdeen Ozga; Communications Director: Stefanie Dockendorf; and Secretary: Sue Pipal.

**Motion to Elect the Nominating Committee’s Slate of Officers for 2012-13:** Made by Patrick O’Laughlin; Seconded by Jeanine Vaia. Motion Carried.

Capital Improvements Amy Jacksic reported that the moving of PTO property to an off-site storage facility is in progress. Jeannine Glavas advised that Amy Jacksic and Molly Carl had taken photos of all significant PTO property and created a hardcover photo album through Snapfish documenting the history of the pieces. Jeannine then highlighted some of their research findings from the book. She also advised that Central School’s first PTA had been founded in 1893. Members elected to dissolve and reorganize as a PTO in 2008 for several reasons: 1) PTOs are all inclusive, with no membership fees. 2) PTOs are not tied to state and/or national political platforms like the PTA. 3) Better, more affordable, insurance plans became available for PTOs. Jeannine also reported that in 1990 there were 27 PTA Committees. Presently, there are over 50.

Time Capsule Amy Jacksic reported that 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mr. Elgeness is helping the student council with a time capsule project. Costs for archival capsules which can be buried underground are approximately \$500 so he is exploring the idea of having something which could be displayed in the library.

Traffic Safety: Amy Jacksic reported that the afternoon pick-up process in the front of the school is still tough, but that congestion can be avoided as long as parents do not arrive before 3:10 p.m. and that, when they do arrive, they have their name placard in their car windows. Further, if their child is not outside waiting for them, they should circle the block as opposed to idling. Jeannine Glavas suggested that it may help to have new signage printed for the 2012-13 school year.

**1<sup>st</sup> VPs** Room Parent and Committee Forms Erin Durkin reported that Chris Hajer will have these forms on line next week.

Update/Return Committee Chair Folders Erin Durkin reported that Committee Chair Folders are being collected and may be returned to the PTO mailbox.

SAGE Erin Durkin reported that a new organization for parents of special and gifted education students in Districts 96, 95, 94 and St. Mary is being formed. SAGE will have

Open Houses at Village Hall on April 19 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and again on April 21 from 10-12.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** Fundraising Update/Pavers Jeannine Glavas reported for Sue Pipal that fundraisers for next year will include The Auction, Innisbrook, Pavers, Target and Box tops for Education.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP** 2012-13 Calendar Jeanine Vaia requested that anyone interested in a paper copy of the D96 Calendars for the 2012-13 academic year pre-order them. Because of the excess ordered but unsold last year, her intent is to order fewer extras this year. Calendars will be distributed at the PTO Welcome Coffee in the fall.

Installation Luncheon Jeanine reported that the luncheon has been cancelled in favor of an informal evening gathering to be held Thursday, May 10.

**Treasurer** Treasurer's Report Angela Izzo presented the Treasurer's report and announced that the PTO is still in the black. Year to date there is \$1,950 in income. March expenditures were \$800, with Science in a Can comprising the largest portion of that. Angela reports that while \$600 had been budgeted for storage in connection with the Capital Improvement project, once the inventory was completed, we found that we needed to increase storage space and the quantity of packing materials.

**Motion to increase budget for storage to \$1,000.** Made by Erin Durkin; Seconded by Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga. Motion carries.

Audit Committee Angela Izzo reported that volunteers are being sought for the Audit Committee, which meets in the summer. Sandy Briolat volunteered to participate, so two more participants are needed.

Board of Education Meeting Angela Izzo attended the BOE meeting in March and reports that kindergarten registration is anticipated to be about the same as last year. With respect to the Capital Improvements Project, the bids came in approximately \$3 million lower than expected so the District is considering adding other work such as the asbestos removal at Hollywood School to the project. The District is also considering adding Spanish language to the curriculum.

**Parliamentarian** Patrick O'Laughlin reported on proposed updates to the Bylaws for the duties of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP relating to the Philanthropy Committee as well as an update to the duties of the Philanthropy committee. Respecting the Duties of Officers, under section G, Second VP, the language "to fulfill the approved philanthropy recommendations or work with members to fulfill the approved recommendations" should be added. With respect to Article 14, Section 6(e), "April" (as the time the Philanthropy committee meets) should be deleted and replaced with "The Philanthropy Committee shall meet once in the fall and solicit philanthropy recommendations from the membership and school staff at that time. The committee shall meet mid-year and years end to consider any additional philanthropy requests made throughout the year." The purpose of this proposed change is to enable the Philanthropy Committee to make decisions about expenditures at the beginning of the year and to be able to evaluate the situation periodically, as opposed to the current status where such decisions can only be made at year-end. Jeannine Glavas advised that this proposed change will be voted upon at the May meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Dorie Skiest reported that 5<sup>th</sup> grade games night is having an Olympic theme. 5<sup>th</sup> grader Angela Murray won the t-shirt design contest, which was judged by the Riverside Arts Center. Blue Monkey in Forest Park did a great job printing

the shirts and gave the PTO an excellent price on the work. Kim Bolton and Cyndi Robinson Hane have stepped up to chair this event next year.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic Dorie Skiest reported that this event will be held on the last day of school and volunteers are still needed.

Brick Pavers Jeannine Glavas reported for Mary Robertson that 5 pavers have been sold to date and that the pavers will not be installed until after the Capital Improvement Project is over.

RAIN Mary Komperda reported that Paula Kluth will be speaking at the Maze Library in Oak Park on May 24 from 6-8:00 p.m. RAIN will also be working on a fall resource fair. Interested parents should contact Mary.

School Supplies Amy Jacksic reported for Jennifer Sedivy that 125 kits have been sold this year, down from 175 last year. This may have been due to a glitch in website ordering process and/or the addition of the \$5 home delivery fee.

Artist in Residence/Cultural Heritage Festival Dawn Gmitro thanks everyone involved in the planning of this event, including Dr. Limperis, Meg O'Brien, Mrs. Lutz, Mr. Elgeness and all the other teachers. The festival occurred the evening of April 11 and approximately 400 people attended (200 of them students). The children learned geography, culture, dance, language, food and more. The Muntu African Dance group will be having their last performance today, which is a great way to cap off the program.

Auction Planning Stefanie Dockendorf reports that the Auction will take place November 9 at the train station. Help is needed soliciting auction items. Students will be working with Mrs. Mathis and the Riverside Arts Center to create pottery pieces for auction. Jeannine Glavas reported taking a tour of the Bell Tower with Dr. Limperis to determine the feasibility of the PTO funding some portion of the restoration with auction proceeds. Charlie Pipal, who is an architect serving on the Village of Riverside's Preservation Commission, was on the tour and determined that the first order of restoration was to "seal the envelope" and prevent further leaking. Dr. Limperis will meet with the District 96 architect to assess costs. It was questioned whether this work and/or changes to the configuration of Central School's main office, could be included with the Capital Improvement project scheduled for this summer. Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga indicated that any such work might need to be done pursuant to a separate contract to avoid the typical 15% surcharge associated with change orders.

Teacher Appreciation Week Jeannine Glavas reported that Maura Braun is still seeking donations. Lynda Murphy requested that raffle items for this week be submitted to DeAnn Gruber and Michelle Burton for wrapping.

Turn Off TV Week Jeannine Glavas reported that this week, which requires students to turn off electronics, as well, will be held April 23-30. The Girl Scouts will be visiting classes and distributing raffle tickets for the children to complete for each day they are screen free, similar to last year. All D96 schools and the Riverside Public Library are co-sponsoring a speaker on creativity, Eric Rohman, on Monday. There will be events sponsored by the Riverside Arts Center and the Riverside Pilates Studio throughout the week. The Hauser Orchestra Concert is Tuesday night. Central's Open House is Thursday night. There will be a Bike Safety /Stunt show Friday morning at 11:00 a.m. There, stunt bike artist Matt Wilhelm will also address issues such as bullying and character. The Fun Fair is Friday night at 7:30. Saturday morning the Olmsted Society is having a family workday and the Riverside Arts Center will be having a pipe cleaner workshop.

Yearbook Jeannine Glavas reported for Kim Bolton the need for volunteers to remind child yearbook contributors to edit their stories.

**Principal's Report**

Meg O'Brien, on behalf of Dr. Limperis, thanked everyone for producing a wonderful Cultural Heritage Festival. She also indicated that while Open House would be held on April 26, less emphasis would be placed on physical displays of student work due to the upcoming Capital Improvement project and need to pack all of the classrooms. Class Placement Forms to articulate special educational needs for your children will be distributed via e-backpack on April 18. In May, the children will have Fontis & Pinell and MAP Testing. The last day of school, scheduled to be a 15 minute day where the children pick up their report cards, will occur in the auditorium of Township Hall due to the anticipated presence of large construction vehicles at and around Central School. Meg indicated that there are extra class pictures from years gone by available in the office for anyone who wants them (while supplies last).

**Teachers Report**

Samantha Lutz reported that student feedback on the Cultural Heritage Festival was positive, though some children were disappointed that room staffers ran out of stickers for their passports. Teachers loved the Muntu Dance troupe in that it gave them a chance to see new strengths in their students. She also requested that parents please come to the Open House, even if it was less elaborate than in prior years due to the move. Mrs. Lutz also mentioned that the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade spring music program would take place on May 9 from 7-8 p.m. and that MAP Testing would occur the weeks of May 7 and May 14.

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Aberdeen Ozga.