

## Central School PTO Meeting – September 5, 2014

**Call to Order** 8:45am in Central School conference room

**Minutes** Minutes from May 9, 2014 meeting approved, motion made by John Ralph, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angela Izzo

### **Superintendent's Report – Dr. Bhavna Sharma-Lewis**

Dr. Lewis presented a presentation going over District 96's goals and priorities for this year. Presentation can be found at this website:

<http://www.district96.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2014-15-District-Priorities-and-Goals.pdf>. The BOE will approve this at the Sept 16 meeting

### **Officers' Reports**

#### **Co-presidents – Jessica Niekrasz and Lynda Murphy**

Kindergarten picnic review: went well, kids and parents liked the backsacks and welcome letter; extras are in the office for new students

Back to School Social: went well also; kids and parents appreciated being able to drop off school supplies and meet teachers before the first day of school

Family Fun Night: happening Friday, September 26 in the Hauser/Central parking lot; there will be an inflatable basketball game, Puppettes, DJ, carnival games and a dunk tank. Dunk tank is \$1/throw and proceeds go to help a D96 family whose mother has ALS. Feedblitz for volunteers will go out next week

Spirit Wear: Running from 9/3-9/19; samples are in the office

Halloween: Looking into a school wide Mad Scientist presentation to take the place of the Halloween play

Yearbook: 3 options were given for the membership to vote on:

1. Same yearbook as last year, March deadline for photos and content, no 5<sup>th</sup> grade supplement
2. Same as above, only PTO pays for any 5<sup>th</sup> grade supplements
3. Same as #1, but 5<sup>th</sup> grade pays a slightly higher price for supplement to be included

Membership voted for option #3. Yearbook will remain the same as last year, with the March deadline, all books will arrive before the last day of school; 5<sup>th</sup> grade supplements will arrive during the summer

Auction: will be November 7 at the Riverside Golf Club; silent auction; if you would like to donate items, talk to Lynda Murphy

## **1<sup>st</sup> VPs – Paula Fudacz and Amy Hill**

PTO gathering: went well

Room parent folders: all information has been distributed to lead room parents and helpers

Committee Chair folders: if anyone wants to volunteer for any committee, let Paula and Amy know; the only chair vacancy is for the Talent show, it has helpers but no chair, show is one night only in May

## **Treasurer – Martha Curiel**

Audit update: performed on July 29 by Amy Hill, Martha Curiel and Kim Macchia with Angela Izzo present; no discrepancies found

Presentation and approval of 2014-2015 budget: proposed budget was presented; a line item for \$250 for Environmental concerns and programs for Jacqueline Miller (was voted on at the last meeting, but accidentally left off budget); motion to approve budget by Paula Fudacz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Hill, motion passed, budget will be posted on website

Note: The PTO's performance for the past school year ended June 30, 2014 exceeding budgeted expectations. Continued generosity in fundraising resulted in net fundraising income of \$16,225.71, a 100% increase over projected fundraising income. This allowed for over \$20,000 of educational and special programs as well as approximately \$7500 in approved philanthropy requests. Net income for the year was (7477.48) compared to projected net income of (26,267). Cash on hand at year end exceeded \$17,000.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> VP – John Ralph**

100% fund: good idea to use paypal; fund now up to \$1350

Innisbrook: 9/17- 10/3; chaired by Marisa Kirsch

Original Works of Art: 10/1 – 10/24; chaired by Jen Gentile

Fall Philanthropy: \$1500 budget open to staff for academic/classroom needs

## **3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Anna Lee**

Calendars: almost ready; only a handful of people have ordered them; extras will be available for sale at Family Fun Night

Retirements: 2 teachers will be retiring at the end of this year: Mrs. Murdock and Mrs. Teune, after 25 years of teaching

**Teachers' representative – Samantha Lutz (given by Mr. Gatz)**

School time: a reminder that school starts at 8:20 and ends at 3:00

Fall Parent Night: will start at 6:30 in the Hauser gym; NOTE: all evening winter activities will start at 6:30 to accommodate younger kids

Parent University: will occur during the last week of September; 90 min program to give parents a better understanding of Common Core

Back to school social: teachers found it successful; next year will make it later in the afternoon or early evening to accommodate working parents

Testing: FNP testing is underway; MAP testing is delayed due to technical issues and should start soon; MAP testing will be done 3x/year (fall, winter, spring) to assess children's progress and measure growth

Professional Development: will start on Monday, September 8. Remember, early dismissal at 2pm; teachers are excited and focused and happy to have this extra time to prepare

New staff: 2 new teachers are in place – Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Corbin and school psychologist Kevin Cole

Kiln: a kiln will be installed in the coming months in the boiler room

**NOTE: There are 2 vacancies on the Board of Education. If you are interested, submit your resumes by September 10**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:10am**