

Central School PTO Minutes Tuesday, January 13th, 2009

Introduction: The meeting began at 9:05 am in the Library. The PTO officers in attendance: Mary Ellen Meindl, Michelle Marconi, Melinda Brom, Jane Wilhelm, Kathy Dudek, 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 Teacher Samantha Lutz.

Minutes: A motion to approve the November 11th, 2008 minutes was made by Nancy Hutchings and seconded by Melinda Brom. The motion passed.

Officers’ Reports:

President: Mary Ellen Meindl reported that we are working with tight budgets this year, so if a committee can’t work within the budgeted amount, please contact Mary Ellen. For the 2009/10 school year Central is responsible for the 5th Grade games, the District calendar and Halloween windows. Volunteers are needed for the following positions: 5th Grade games coordinator; District Calendar- need to be familiar with Publisher and will meet at end of May with the Principals and PTO/A Presidents to input info into master calendar as well as email changes for drafts in June, July and August; Halloween windows are changing since painting can’t be done at Village Center and Riverside Plumbing (due to limestone façade) and cleanup last year left mess on buildings/sidewalk. Kathy Louthen contacted Riverside Township Manager Richard Tuscher to obtain funding for the Striding Lions program and \$1000 was given for the program.

Nominating Committee: Melinda Brom is chairing the Nominating Committee. Melinda reported that the committee is made up of 5 members (two members of the executive board and the remaining three from general membership) and two alternates. The proposed Nominating Committee is: Melinda Brom and Jennifer Sedivy with alternate Michelle Marconi (from the Executive Board) and Erin Durkin, Samantha Durst and Jeannine Glavas with alternate Sandy Briolat (from the general membership). Kathy Louthen made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee and was seconded by Dawn Gmitro. The motion passed.

Parliamentarian's Report: Linda LaBelle proposed changing the Executive Board from nine to eight members. The 2nd V.P. of Fundraising and 2nd V.P. of Philanthropy positions will be combined into the 2nd V.P. of Fundraising and Philanthropy. The Corresponding Secretary position will be renamed the 3rd V.P. of Member Services. The other positions will remain the same. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelm and seconded by Jeannine Vaia to approve the changes. The motion passed. The vote for the new officers will take place in April.

2nd V.P. - Fundraising’s Report: Kathy Dudek reported that the budget is \$27,400. This month \$11,000 is coming in and we are on target for the budget.

Correspondence: Jennifer Sedivy reported that the Central School PTO gave a dinner certificate for Perfect Dinner to the Kaminsky Family. This year we had a great specials collection of over \$900, which allowed more staff to be given gift cards. Jennifer passed around correspondence, including thank you notes for the gift cards.

Treasurer’s Report: Jane Wilhelm reported that the PTA checking account has been closed, it had about \$100. A few checks have not been cashed, so please check with Jane if you have one so that a new check can be issued. On the financial statement, Innsbrook shows \$800 under budget; however a \$1600 payment is pending.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Lamberson reported that enrollment is currently 1452, but next year could be over 1500 (a level not seen since 1970). The economy could increase that number (with more students coming from private schools). This year, Kindergarten is at 164 but next year it might be over 190. A survey is being sent out to all parents to find out if those currently in the district plan on being in the district next year and have kids of Kindergarten age next year or have neighbors who have children who will have kids of Kindergarten age. This will help gauge levels for next year. Mindy Keller is contacting preschools to have an idea of the real number of students. Hopefully the number will come in at or below 184, which would be 8 sections of 23 students. The second draft of the calendar is being worked on. School will start August 25th (1/2 day), winter break will be the week of December 21 & 28, spring break may be the week of March 29th, and the last day will be June 2nd. R.B. will be closed for summer school, due to construction work (60% completed); Hollywood might be the location for R.B.'s summer school. The 5 for 4 program for next year's 5th grade is going according to the timeline. It will begin in 2009/10. There will also be a one day in-service with Apple to make sure the program can be done the right way for students and staff. There will be a dedicated program manager/facilitator and the laptops will be taken to Hauser to be used there. The School Board is looking at residency requirements (currently only new students/ Kindergarten are validated) and possibly requiring residency to be validated every year. If this happens, validation goes from 180 students to 1200. The District is looking at an alternative process of validating using Residency Authenticators (parent/guardians with one/more students in District 96) who would sign an affidavit stating the student met residency markers during past 12 months. Currently all landlords are contacted by phone to verify leases. This year's tax levy will increase 3.2% (following the c.p.i.) and next year 0% increase.

Principal's Report: Dr. Limperis reported on C.A.K.E. awards which are given when students are caught being a good citizen. Every morning there are two winners, one from K-2 and another from 3-5th. All students will be able to watch the inauguration. Fifty three students have signed up for the Computation Club.

Teacher Representative: Samantha Lutz reported that the Striding Lions program begins next week. Samantha thanked all for helping in the classrooms at Christmas.

PTA Committee Reports:

09/10 School Supplies: Melanie Strubbe reported that orders can be placed for 09/10 school supplies right after spring break. There will be only online ordering and payment. The supplies will be delivered just after Memorial Day. If you want to help organize the supplies and distribute them, please contact Melanie.

Other Business: The Board of Education Meeting minutes are on the District 96 website.

Announcements: Thank you to all the volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

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