

Central School PTO Minutes **Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

Introduction: The meeting began at 9:04 am in the Library. The PTO officers in attendance: Mary Ellen Meindl, Melinda Brom, Michelle Marconi, Jane Wilhelm, Kathy Dudek, Nancy Hutchings, Linda LaBelle and Patrick O’Laughlin. Also in attendance: District 96 Superintendent Dr. Lamberson, Central School Principal Dr. Limperis, Central School Teachers Mindy Keller and Samantha Lutz.

Minutes: A motion to approve the February 3rd, 2009 minutes was made by Kathy Dudek and seconded by Nancy Hopkins. The motion passed.

Officers’ Reports:

President: Mary Ellen Meindl reported that there will be a Kindergarten registration informational meeting on March 5th and registration will begin the next morning. Dawn Gmitro did great work on putting together the Striding Lion program. The PTA/O Candidate Forum for District 96 & District 208 will be March 10th at Hauser. Nominations are being taken for Volunteer & Staff of the Year award, which will be announced at the May meeting. Please submit any nominations to the suggestion box in the office. Kim Frank is collecting yearbook pictures, so if you have any, please send them to her.

2nd VP of Fundraising: Kathy Dudek reported that paver orders are now being accepted for spring installation.

Treasurer: Jane Wilhelm distributed account statements noting that the student directory (\$400) was \$50.00 more than budget.

Parliamentarian: Linda LaBelle reported on the revised Standing Rules and Bylaws, including the change in the officer structure. They are posted on the website, so please check it out and send any feedback to Linda.

Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Lamberson reported that the school calendar has been approved for next year. The State Board of Education has awarded Central and Blythe academic excellence awards for being at or above 90% for a 3 year time period. Next year, all schools in District 96 will be in the academic excellence category. The 5 for 4 laptop program is still a proposal being studied, which if approved by the Board of Education will begin with next year’s 5th Grade.

Principal’s Report: Dr. Limperis introduced Mindy Keller as the Administrative Intern. A note from the nurse will be sent home letting parents know when a child goes to the nurse and what was done. A new visitor’s pass will be coming out in the next month listing visitor’s destination and time. The 5 for 4 laptop program will have 3 onsite visits with trainers. The first training for 5th Grade teachers is May 6th. Kindergarten Registration Informational night is Thursday.

Teacher’s Report: Samantha Lutz stated that the past six weeks working on the Striding Lion program has been awesome. The program was totally student made: lyrics, dialogue and choreography. The students who viewed the performance enjoyed it as well. The only cons to the program are that it takes a lot of classroom time (3 times a week for 45-50 minutes for six weeks). Samantha thanked the PTO for their support of this program.

PTO Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Melinda Brom presented the nominating committee's proposed slate for the Central PTO's Executive Board, which will remain open for 30 days until the election. The slate is as follows: President- Allyn Pilewski; Co-1st Vice Presidents of Committees and Room Parents- Nancy Hutchings and Jennifer Sedivy; 2nd Vice President of Fundraising and Philanthropy- Samantha Durst; 3rd Vice President of Member Services- Jeanine Vaia; Treasurer- Jane Wilhelm; Recording Secretary- Kate Nessinger; and Parliamentarian- Mary Ellen Meindl.

Book Fair: Beverly Aieta reported that the theme of this year's book fair is "Lights, Camera, Book Fair". The profit from last year's book fair allowed us to get many books and 15 DVD players. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Beverly.

Library: Jeannine Glavas invited everyone to the "Tattered Book Club" on Monday, March 9 from 8:30 – 10:00 to cover books.

Talent Show: Mary Ellen Meindl reported that there will be a meeting for the Talent Show on Thursday, March 12 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Library.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Melinda Brom sent around a donation sheet for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: Mary Ellen Meindl sent around a volunteer sheet for volunteers to cover for paraprofessionals to supervise the kids at recess.

Other Business:

February Board of Education Meeting Update: Michelle Marconi reported that the topics for the February Board of Education Meeting were residency verification and Kindergarten enrollment.

D 96 Board of Education Candidates Introduction: We were introduced to the District 96 Board of Education Candidates: Mary Ellen Meindl, Linda LaBelle, Nancy Jensen, Mary Stimming, LaFonzo Palmer and Jennifer Leimberer.

Announcements: Mary Ellen Meindl reported that the Ice Skating party was well attended. Thank you to Dawn Gmitro for all her work on the Striding Lion Program as well as to the teachers for all their effort. Thank you to all the volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 am.

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