

**Central School PTO Meeting
November 12, 2012**

Call to Order 7:03 p.m. in the Central School Library.
Board Members Present: Amy Jacksic, Lynda Murphy, Angela Izzo, Kim Macchia and Aberdeen Ozga.

Minutes No action taken on Minutes of October 12, 2012.

Officers Reports

Co-Presidents' Report

PTO Storage/Higgins Glass Amy Jacksic reported that the Higgins Glass memorial is still being stored by Higgins Glass and may eventually be relocated in the Central School Library.

Traffic Safety Central is asking the police to ticket unoccupied cars improperly parked in drop-off/pick-up zones. Families that do not have a yellow name plaquard to display in the window of their vehicle during pick-up should contact the school office to obtain one.

1st VPs' Report Teachers Holiday Gifts Amy Jacksic reported for Paula Fudacz and Amy Mooney that they are in the process of sending out notices to lead room parents regarding collections for teachers' holiday gifts.

Kindergarten Room Parent Status The afternoon kindergarten class is still in need of a designated room parent.

2nd VP's Report

Philanthropy Requests Amy Jacksic reported for Jessica Niekrasz that she has received a few philanthropy requests from Dr. Limperis and PTO parents.

3rd VPs Report Veterans Day Kim Macchia reported that 25-30 guest veterans attended the PTO reception.

Staff Conference Meal Kim reported that Urban Leaf & Bean had been asked to bring in sandwiches and wraps for the Staff Conference meal on November 19.

Specials Collections Kim stated that the holiday collections for Specials (which includes Art, Music, PE, Custodians, Librarians, Paraprofessionals and other staff) begins after Thanksgiving and that a Feed blitz will be circulated.

Treasurer's Report

Angela Izzo reported on the PTO's income in October and presented highlights to those in attendance. The Skating Party came in under budget and the PTO's fundraising efforts helped raise our overall balance from approximately \$40,000 to approximately \$46,000.

Parliamentarian's Report

Board of Education Highlights Aberdeen Ozga summarized the Board of Education's meeting of October 16, 2012. The majority of the meeting was devoted to a presentation by Dr. Lamberson on the enrollment pressures and space restrictions in the District as the rationale for the formation of the District's Satellite Kindergarten Study Group (SKSG). He stressed that the group was still considering the issues and that it had not presented any formal findings or recommendations. There was discussion regarding capital improvements at Blythe Parke School, including alternate proposals for fully renovating Blythe into a two-section school versus renovating for maximum flexibility. Two Ames parents stated preferences for maintaining neighborhood schools

that accommodate students in K-5th Grade in each elementary and asked the Board to consider renovating Blythe Park into a full 2-section school and re-drawing the boundaries to accommodate increasing enrollment. Total D96 enrollment was reported at 1,606 students in December. Committee reports and consent agendas were approved and are available for review on the District website. Three FOIA requests were received and timely responded to. The results of the consultant's profile for the Superintendent Search are available on the D96 website. A slate of candidate for this position will be presented to the BOE on November 6. Three possible draft calendars for AY 13-14 have been posted on the District website. The meeting then adjourned for a closed session. PTO Parent and RAIN Chair Mary Komperda also correctly noted that LADSE had presented results of its special education survey at this meeting. A Special Education Review committee is being formed to review the results and assess the District's program.

Committee Reports

Auction Amy Jacksic reported for Laura Durkin and Stefanie Dockendorf that over \$12,000 was received from the auction, and that the teacher and staff experience donations were very popular. Roughly \$7,000 in goods was donated through parents, \$3,000 through teachers and staff, \$2,500 in children's art and \$1,000 through corporate sources.

100% Fund Amy Jacksic reported for Amy Hill that money is still trickling in for this fundraiser.

Innisbrook Gretchen Reyes reports that the Innisbrook orders are being delivered to school on Friday and that there will be two pick-up times: a) 11:15-12:15 and b) 2:00-4:00 p.m. She also reported over \$10,296 in sales.

Original Works Amy Jacksic reported for Jen Gentile that this was fundraiser was successfully wrapped up.

Target Katie Leander indicated that 46 Target cards have been registered and \$4000 has been earned thus far. With respect to public relations, Katie was able to get coverage in both local newspapers regarding Matt Wilhelm's presentation and the RAIN resource fair on November 3.

Flying Carpet Aberdeen Ozga gave an overview of the Junior Great Books program at Central and said volunteers were still needed at all grade levels for this 8-10 week program which begins in January. Aberdeen is running info sessions this month and the Great Books Foundation is offering webinars for the first time ever, making it easier for volunteers to gain an in-depth understanding of the shared inquiry method of discussion leadership.

RAIN Mary Komperda showed attendees the front page article on RAIN's resource fair that appeared in the Suburban Life and mentioned the letter of support that Dr. Karen Foley had written to the Landmark regarding the event. Approximately 40 people attended the resource fair, the speakers (especially Jim Hill who spoke about mindfulness) were great and many positive ideas were exchanged.

Spirit wear: Amy Jacksic reported for Diane Grossi that although today was the deadline to place orders, the actual order will not be placed with the vendor Artflo until tomorrow.

Principal's Report

Dr. Limperis reported that when Mrs. Walsh's replacement during maternity leave is Mrs. Amanda Turner. She also indicated that a new Quest teacher, Mrs. Kim Eddy had been hired and Quest families were invited to meet her. Dr. Limperis also advised that

even though the D96 calendar states that report cards will be issued on the 30th that elementary school students will receive report cards on the 16th and Hauser students will not receive grades until the 28th. Regarding Philanthropy, Dr. Limperis has stated that she has received some interesting requests but would like more detail on some of them. CogAt results will not be back until early December.

Teacher Representative

Samantha Lutz reported that the Veteran's Day program was awesome and that Wednesday was Spirit Day with a Red White and Blue theme. She indicated that the Holiday Program for grades k-3 would be presented on December 17th. And that Holiday break would commence on Thursday of that week.

Other Announcements

Gretchen Reyes announced that the Brownies were having a canned food drive at Central with proceeds to go to the Riverside Food Pantry.

Lynda Murphy announced that the Artist in Residence Program this year would feature the Red Moon Performing Arts Company. Second and third graders would be writing poetry, 5th graders would interpret and record those poems using laptop technology and 4th graders would incorporate those recordings into a live performance sometime in May.

Amy Jacksic extended thanks to Molly Carl and her helpers for determining locations and facilitating the hanging of the Cultural Arts paintings around the newly renovated Central School.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m..

Minutes respectfully submitted by Parliamentarian (Acting Recording Secretary) Aberdeen Ozga.