

## **Central School PTO Minutes**

### **Tuesday, April 7, 2009**

**Introduction:** The meeting began at 9:00 am in the Library. The PTO officers in attendance: Mary Ellen Meindl, Melinda Brom, Michelle Marconi, 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 March 3rd, 2009 minutes was made by Linda LaBelle and seconded by Melinda Brom. The motion passed.

**2009/10 Officer's Election:** A motion was made by Beverly Aieta and seconded by Linda LaBelle to accept the officer slate for the 2009/10 Executive Board. The motion passed. The 2009/10 Executive Board is: President: Allyn Pilewski; Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents Committee and Room Parents: Nancy Hutchings and Jennifer Sedivy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Fundraising and Philanthropy: Jeanine Vaia; Treasurer: Jane Wilhelm; Recording Secretary: Kate Nessinger; and Parliamentarian: Mary Ellen Meindl.

#### **Officers' Reports:**

**President:** Mary Ellen Meindl reported that the Ecology Club (sponsored by Mrs. Visek and Mrs. Johnson) requested funding of T-shirts for the April 25<sup>th</sup> Village cleanup event. A motion was made by Allyn Pilewski and seconded by Lauren Zobel to approve the \$100 expense for T-shirts. The motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Jennifer Sedivy passed around letters from Hauser students going on the Pride trip. Central School's PTO sponsored three students going to the conference.

**Treasurer:** Jane Wilhelm distributed account statements noting that \$405.00 will be going to Garden Gurus to inject the elm trees in front of the school.

**Parliamentarian:** Linda LaBelle distributed copies of the revised Bylaws and Standing Rules. A motion to adopt the Central School PTO Bylaws and Standing Rules was made by Melinda Brom and seconded by Jane Wilhelm. The motion passed.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Limperis thanked everyone involved in the Book Fair, it was awesome. The kids loved the visit from 39 Steps author Peter Larangis. In May there will be a fire drill when the children are not in the classroom (during lunch and recess). On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9-10:30 am the two social workers would like parent volunteers to come and share their views of the social work curriculum. Three volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ellen Meindl.

**Teacher's Report:** Samantha Lutz reported that teachers will meet at the end of April to decide the best fit for the students and teachers for next year. Open house night is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for all the hard work on the Book Fair, the students loved it. Also the author visit was a huge hit. Science in a can is going well; next week is the 6<sup>th</sup> week.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Lamberson reported that for next year, 158 have registered for Kindergarten (59- Central, 18- Hollywood, 33- Blythe and 52- Ames). The numbers will change a little. Ames is the only school beyond capacity. The School Board prefers to change the class size from 20 to 23 for Kindergarten, which would allow Ames to have 6 more students remain at their school. Only one family will need to relocate to another school. Class sizes for next year will be K-3<sup>rd</sup>: up to 23 and 4-5<sup>th</sup>: 23. The Kite program gives assistance to Kindergarteners who need extra help to get up to speed. It meets two days a week in groups of 4-6 kids for intense work with specific skill sets to help the students have success in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. About 28% of all Kindergarteners are in the program (about 30 kids). The District 96 website is up and running. Please check it out and give any questions or comments. There will be scrolling quotes on the site which will be populated with positive messages by parents and students. If you would like to include a message, please contact Mary Ellen Meindl. In April, a project coordinator will be recommended for the Laptop program. The Board still needs to approve the money for the program. 170-175 laptops would be added to the program.

**PTO Committee Reports:**

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Melinda Brom passed around a signup sheet for Teacher Appreciation week.

**Book Fair:** Beverly Aieta reported that we had a great year for the Book Fair with over \$11,400 in sales. Nancy Hopkins entered all the books into the laptop to lookup titles during the Book Fair. The visits with buddies went well. The author Peter Larangis was impressed with how well the kids listened, participated and behaved they were. If anyone is interested in co-chairing next year's Book Fair, please contact Beverly Aieta.

**Other Business:**

**March Board of Education Meeting Update:** Mary Ellen Meindl reported that the Task Force on Before and After School Care has chosen PAV as the provider for the program at school. Hollywood has its own program. If needed, Ames and Blythe will combine for this program. The draft of District 96 school policy is posted on its website. Student lunch fees will remain the same for next year. For the 2009/10 school year, school will increase fees to cover the school supplying wipes, tissues, etc.

**Announcements:** Thank you to **Flying Carpet Club Chair:** Aberdeen Ozga and her team of volunteers; **Central Book Fair Chairs:** Beverly Aieta and Nancy Hopkins and their team of volunteers; **Ice Cream Social Chairs:** Nadine Espisito and Julie Tucek and their volunteers and the **Library and Cultural Arts Volunteers.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.

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