

Central School PTO Meeting
May 13, 2011

Introduction: The meeting began at 9:05 in the Hauser Auditorium. Board members in attendance were: Jaennine Glavas, Tracy Sloan, Sue Pipal, Erin Durkin, Jeanine Vaia, Samantha Durst, Allyn Pilewski and Kate Nessinger.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Tracy Sloan to approve the April 15 PTO meeting minutes, Jeanine Vaia second the motion. The motion passed.

Guest Speakers: Teresa Mrozik, Programs Coordinator, and Ron Malchiodi, Sirecot, from the Riverside Parks and Recreation spoke about the open house to be held on Sunday, May 22. There will be demonstrations by instructors and early registration will be available. The summer brochure will be available online on May 23. Teresa Mrozik stated that 30% of programming is new.

Co-Presidents' Report: Samantha Durst reported that the Safety Pilot program is going well. Samantha stated that she is overwhelmed by the outpouring of volunteers and the support from Janice Limperis and Meg O'Brien. Samantha reported that Janice Limperis opened up an area for parents to drop off their kindergarteners and allows an older student to be dropped off with the kindergartener. Samantha reported that on week three parent volunteers will back off and school personnel will take over. Samantha reported that the PTO will be looking for a chair of the Safety Committee. This person will be the PTO liaison to the teachers and support for the police department. Dr. Limperis reported that traffic greatly diminished and that the Police gave a "thumbs up". They may even consider making Akenside a one way street. Dr Limperis stated that Meg O'Brien will follow up with parents via Survey Monkey.

Riverside Arts Center: Jean Mathis spoke about the ceramic work students created with the help of the Riverside Arts Center. Jean stated that it was a lot of work to prepare and fire each student's piece, but that it worked out well. Other schools may follow suit.

Teacher of the Year: Samantha Durst reported that this year's Teacher of the Year Award goes to a much surprised Jean Mathis. Samantha stated that Ms Mathis was very willing to help create artwork for the PTO auction. Ms Mathis came up with the concept and spent at least two weeks with each child creating his/her artwork.

1st VPs' Report: Erin Durkin and Tracy Sloan asked Committee Chairs to please turn in folders and complete evaluation forms. Tracy reported that the Committee Chair and Room Parent sign up forms are out and to please return as soon as possible. Chairs are still needed for the following committees: Talent Show, Innisbrook, Brick Pavers, Family Fun Night, Fifth Grade Games Night, Halloween Play, PE Helper, Science Fair, and Safety Committee.

2nd VP's Report: Sue Pipal reported that the philanthropy requests total \$7,163.00. These requests come from the teachers and PTO board. Sue reported that the requests include pavers for Mrs. Kustok and new teachers, \$2,500.00 for framing the rest of the Cultural

Arts paintings, projectors, doc. cameras and multimedia carts for each floor, small items for the playground, additional items for PTO babysitting and \$100.00 for organizational furnishings for the teachers' lounge. Samantha Durst made a motion to spend \$7,163 on philanthropy requests. Tracy Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sue reported for Kim Perry on the Target fundraiser. Sue stated that there are 3 new families since the last report and that Target raised \$780.00 this year. A check will be sent to the PTO next year.

3rd VP's Report: Jeanine Vaia reported that this is the last day reserve and pay for the Installation Luncheon. Jeanine stated that the calendar order form is out now and the directory order form will go out in the summer and be available at the first day coffee.

Board Of Education Meeting Highlights: Jeanine Vaia reported on the April 19, 2011 Board of Education meeting. Jeanine reported that there is a \$1,009.20 grant for online databases including 2 dictionaries. There was an overview of the writing program, discussion of a walking bridge over First Avenue. Friday June 3 is the last day of school. The Board discussed a bilingual program at the grade schools, Ames has one now. Jeanine also reported that the Board discussed the Common Core Standards and that the Nation's Governors want standards to cross state lines. Testing will begin on these new standards in 2014 and be done 4-5 times/year.

Treasurer's Report: Samantha Durst reported for Patrick O'Laughlin. Sam reported that \$12,000 is in a separate CD account earmarked for Cultural Arts- Artist in Residence programs for the next two years. The CD expires in September. Sam stated that it is still unclear whether or not we owe the district roughly \$10,000.00 for landscaping. Sam encouraged all members to turn in expenses. Sam reported that \$350.00 was taken out of philanthropy for the teachers' recipe books and \$300.00 for safety signage and color flyers. Sam stated that there will be a budget meeting over the summer.

Parliamentarian: Allyn Pilewski reported a notification of a change to the current bylaws. The change is to remove the collection of monies and distribution of the Central School Yearbook from the 3rd VP's responsibilities under section 4 of the bylaws. This proposal must sit for 30 days and will be voted on at the first PTO meeting in the fall.

Committee Reports:

Creative Learning Committee/RAIN: Mary Komperda showed off the new RAIN logo created by Stefanie Dockendorf. Mary reported that there will be a IEP/504 binder organizing meeting at the Riverside Public library on May 18 at 6:30. Mary stated that the same room at the library is reserved for RAIN on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Grants: Jennifer Hepker Royer reported that we received a \$2,000.00 Lowes Tool Box grant for storage bins and shelving to be used in the PTO closet and attic.

Science in a Can: Jennifer Hepker Royer reported that 94% of the students participated and complete at least 3 of the 4 cans. Jennifer recommends keeping the program to 4

weeks. The students that completed the program received a gift of a pencil and bouncy ball. “Grumpy bucks” went to 5-10 students from each class who showed a little extra effort. Jennifer stated that the Science Fair committee met and created a proposal which has gone to Dr. Limperis. The Science Fair may be a Science Night highlighting a presenter with student projects being displayed.

School Supply Program: Jennifer Sedivy reported that the online ordering was successful. The supplies will be there on the first day of school in each classroom.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Jeannine Glavas reported for DeAnn Gruber and Lynda Carey Murphy who wanted to make a special mention to all volunteers that helped them and that they are very grateful and will sign up to chair the committee again.

PTO Board:

Installation of 2011-12 PTO Officers: Jeannine Glavas presented the incoming PTO Board: Amy Jacksic and Jeannine Glavas as Co-Presidents, Erin Durkin and Tracy Sloan as 1st VP’s, Sue Pipal as 2nd VP, Jeanine Vaia as 3rd VP, Aberdeen Ozga as Recording Secretary, Stefanie Dockendorf as Communications Director, Angela Izzo as Treasurer and Patrick O’Laghlin as Parliamentarian. Jeanine thanked each member of the outgoing board. Jeanine Glavas thank Allyn Pilweski who served on the PTO for over eight years in different capacities. Jeannine thanked Samantha Durst for many hours, great energy and leadership. Jeannine thanked Dr Limperis for her endless support. Jeannine also thanked teacher representative, Mrs Lutz and Meg O’Brein for their support.

PTO Member of the Year: Jeannine Glavas announced the PTO volunteer of the year- Heather Tinel. Jeannine praised Heather as a “behind the scenes” volunteer who jumped at the chance to help with the PTO Auction children’s artwork and spent many months compiling and framing the artwork.

Thanks and Acknowledgements to All: Erin Durkin and Tracy Sloan thanked all the Committee Chairs for an awesome year.

Principal’s Report: Dr. Limperis reported that the World Language group has met and that all schools have representatives on the committee. Dr. Limperis stated that the group is looking at prepackaged curriculums and will put together a plan next year. Dr Limperis thanked the PTO for the money to send the 4th grade Quest group to Great America. Dr Limperis reported that they are adding another 2nd and another 3rd grade teacher for next year. They are also hiring two more paraprofessionals. Dr Limperis stated that the school has been practicing fire drills. June 2 is the last day for 5th graders, Kindergarten through grade 4 comes in on June 3 for report cards. Dr Limperis thanked the members of the PTO for the support she received from so many during her mother’s passing. Dr Limperis announced that her daughter got engaged!

Teacher’s Representative: Mrs. Lutz thanked the PTO for teacher appreciation week and stated that it was appreciated by all the staff; they especially liked the raffle prizes.

Mrs Lutz reported that the 4th and 5th grade Spring Musical was a hit. Mrs Lutz thanked all who helped put together the the Frank Lloyd Wright walking field trip. Mrs Lutz reminded all that end of year parties are coming up and that June 3 is not a full school day.

Other:

Roadrunner: Dawn Gmitro announced that photos for the Roadrunner can be placed in the PTO mailbox, taken to Kim's home or uploaded.

Memorial Day Program: Dawn Gmitro announced that on Thursday May, 26 there will be a flag raising ceremony first thing in the morning. The scouts will stand on the playground.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am. Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Nessinger, Recording Secretary.