

Central School PTO Meeting Minutes Friday, January 14, 2011

Introduction: The meeting began at 9:08 am in the Central School library. PTO board members in attendance were: Jeannine Glavas, Erin Durkin, Jeanine Vaia, Sue Pipal, Samantha Durst, Allyn Pilewski, Patrick O’Laughlin and Kate Nessinger.

Call to Order/Welcome

Minutes: Allyn Pilewski made a motion to approve the November 9, 2010 PTO Meeting Minutes, Melinda Brom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Jon Lamberson presented the district’s dashboard <http://www.district96.org/about-district-96/district-dashboard/>, a strategic progress monitoring tool to assess attainment of District 96 goals. The district dashboard is designed to look at every aspect of the District’s functioning and to identify issues pertinent to the District’s mission statement: “... to provide for each student a challenging education which promotes academic excellence, encourages creativity, develops critical thinking, and fosters respect of self, community and the environment.” Dr. Lamberson discussed the results of the four (4) Strategic Goals: 1) To Improve Academic Achievement of all Students; 2) To Provide Everyday, Dynamic Academic Progress; 3) To Enhance and Retain Creative Teachers who are Exceptional Critical Thinkers; and 4) Evidence of Good Fiscal Stewardship. Dr Lamberson reported that there are discussions of \$2 ½-3 million worth of remodeling in the District 96 schools including electrical, lighting and ceiling work. The hope is to do this without help of a referendum and to prepare for the next 40-50 years. In 2 years, Hauser will have an 11-12% increase in students. There is a plan to make Blythe a 2 section school sometime in the future. Dr. Lamberson reported that Central School received the Academic Excellence Award for 2010 from the Illinois Honor Roll. *See:*

http://www.ilhonorroll.niu.edu/scripts/school_info.asp?schoolID=060160960022003&awtype=E&year=2010.

Central joined 458 other Illinois schools in sustaining high performance over the last 3 years. Dr Lamberson stated that the Flexible Boundary Committee’s recommendations to eliminate boundaries were not accepted by the Board of Education. There will be no change in the Flexible Boundary policy in 2011-12, but they are looking at all issues surrounding the policy.

Officer’s Reports

Co-President’s Report: Jeannine Glavas reported that the proposed **nominating committee** for next year’s PTO board has been selected. There are 5 members and 2 alternates. The members are: Patrick O’Laughlin, Jeanine Vaia, Erin Durkin (alternate), Melinda Brom, Stefanie Dockendorf, Nancy Connelly (alternate), and Sandy Briolat. Sue Pipal made a motion to approve the proposed nominating committee; Mary Ellen Meindl seconded the motion. The motion passed. The committee will present the slate of proposed officers at the March 11 PTO meeting. The April PTO meeting will hold the PTO Board election. Referring to Article XVI, S. 1 of the PTO Bylaws, Jeannine Glavas provided notice to the membership today of a proposed **amendment** to the Bylaws to create a new Board position of **Communications Director**. This role is needed given the numerous publications arising from the PTO’s 50 committees, and the transition to paperless communications in the last year. Samantha Durst and Allyn Pilewski provided

additional reasons why this is an important and needed role. Samantha Durst reported on **safety issues** around the school. Sam reminded us that children should not be crossing lanes of traffic at drop off. Cell phones should not be used in school zones and there is no double parking near the school. Sam and Stefanie Dockendorf are putting together a safety flyer which will be included in the registration packet.

1st VP's Report: Erin Durkin reported that she and Tracy Sloan are updating Committee job descriptions for the rest of the school year. Please look at your committee job descriptions and add or delete ideas. There is a file in the PTO filing cabinet and a form for check-in and check-out of the folders. Erin discussed Tracy's report of the December 14 Board of Education meeting as follows: The Truth in Taxation hearing was held for a 6.5% proposed tax levy increase. Local property tax is the primary source of funding for District 96. The 2010 tax levy and resolution certificate of tax levy in the amount of \$22,957,453 passed. January 21 is Teacher Institute Day. Apple computers will educate teachers on iPads and iPod Touch. Hauser is having a shadow box session with National Lewis University students. The Flexible Boundary Committee summarized their recommendations and there is a continuing dialogue. The recommendations are posted on the website.

2nd VP: Sue Pival reported that the Fundraising Committee has met its goals and exceeded them by \$1,500.00.

3rd VP: Jeanine Vaia reported that she collected \$1,225.00 for holiday gifts for the 32 "Specials" staff members.

Treasurer's Report: Patrick O'Laughlin reported that \$10,000 budget for the auction was exceeded. The 100% fund is at \$4,255. Innisbrook is at \$5,565.00. Original Works made \$781.00.

Committee Reports:

Riverside Foods: Jane Wilhelm reported that Riverside Foods Scrip has made \$181.00 to date. She will be selling through May and will deliver to your house. Jane reported that the 100% Fund has made \$4,455.00, and that Great Lakes Scrip has made \$78.90.

Target: Samantha Durst reported that 31 families have raised \$366.00 with Target cards.

Grants: Jennie Hepker Royer reported that she did not get a grant for artwork, but will try again in February. She did procure a grant from Riverside Township for \$1,000.

Book Fair: Amy Jacksic reported that the Book Fair will have a carnival theme this year. Set up is on January 28. Last year's profit was \$8,000.00. The social event, "Winter Wonderland," will be held on Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 in the Hauser cafeteria, and include hot chocolate and treats. A volunteer sheet is being passed around for baked goods or fresh fruit.

Creative Learning Committee: Mary Komperda reported that the RAIN (Riverside Area Inclusion Network) now has a Facebook page which is filled with resources including information on special needs and Wrights Law. Mary is looking for parents to be on the committee from some of the other area schools. A Parent Meeting will be held in February for any parents of students with IEP's and 504's. The RAIN group hopes to offer more presentations during the next school year. There will be a committee meeting next Friday at Mary's home.

Cultural Arts: Molly Carl is planning to have the "adopt a painting" program ready in early spring.

Early Childhood Screening: Nancy Connelly reported that the screening will be held on February 17 and 18 and volunteers are needed for Thursday and Friday mornings.

Ecology Club: Sue Pipal reported that the committee wants to provide snow shoes for 30 people for classroom use. The committee has a budget of \$336.00 and the total cost of snowshoes is \$950.00 plus shipping costs. Sue Pipal made a motion to take \$614.00 plus shipping costs from the philanthropy fund for a classroom set of snowshoes. Samantha Durst seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Flying Carpet Club: Aberdeen Ozga reported that Flying Carpet Club started this week. There are 78 students involved in 12 groups. The volunteers are well prepared. The committee is out of the Junior Great Books so they cannot accept any more registrations.

Ice Skating Party: Jeannine Glavas reported that the Ice Skating Party is scheduled for February 11 at the Addison Ice Rink.

Principal's Report: Dr Limperis reported that the Computation Math Club will start on January 24 and run through February 25. Each session will be for 45 min. one day / week. Kindergarten Information Night is on Thursday, March 3. Dr. Limperis distributed flyers. Kindergarten Registration takes place March 7-11. Registration information can be found on the PTO website, in The Landmark, and flyers will be taken to preschools. Project "Share your Soles" is being held to collect gently-used or new shoes to send to needy countries.

Teacher's Representative: Mrs. Lutz discussed the "iPod Touches" used for 3rd and 4th graders. Math games are being explored by the students. Please email Mrs. Lutz if you have any application suggestions. Mrs. Lutz asked all to dress children for the weather, remind children to wash their hands often and sneeze into their elbows.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Nessinger, Recording Secretary.