

## Central School PTA Minutes Tuesday, November 6, 2007

**Introduction:** The meeting began at 9:05 am in the Library. The PTA officers in attendance: Linda LaBelle, Mary Ellen Meindl, Jeannine Glavas, Kathy Dudek, Allyn Pilewski, Patrick O’Laughlin and Nancy Hopkins. Also in attendance: District 96 Superintendent Dr. Lamberson, Central School Principal Dr. Limperis and Central School Teacher Samantha Lutz.

**Minutes:** The October 2, 2007 minutes were approved by Mary Ellen Meindl and seconded by Fran Sitkiewicz.

**Correspondence:** Linda LaBelle sent the correspondence around.

**President’s Report:** Linda LaBelle thanked all Committee chairs and volunteers during October as well as those who worked on the Halloween play and Halloween windows. Market Day will not give credit for sales to Central School since we do not have Market Day sales on site. If you want to order Market Day products, you can go through Ames, Hollywood, St. Mary’s etc. Gayle Bieschke sent thanks for all the Library volunteers. At the December PTA meeting, Cheryl Berdelle, Board of Education President will speak about the Board of Education.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Linda LaBelle reported that the 100% Fund is doing well and has taken in \$9900. Children’s Art/ Original Works had budgeted \$500, but has net about \$2000. Innisbrook sales were good. We are on track to meet our income goals.

**Principal’s Report:** Dr. Limperis reported that report cards would be sent home on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> before the parent- teacher conferences to allow time for parent review before the conference. Information from the first MAP testing will also be available at the conference.

Dr. Limperis also stated that the multipurpose room is now used for the leveled reading library, which allows for guided reading. Language Arts is allocated a two hour time block per day with activities involving reading, writing, listening and speaking.

**Teacher Representative:** Samantha Lutz stated that Halloween was a lot of fun and the parties went well. The students loved the play. Samantha also thanked the PTA for the \$5 discount on school shirts and passed around 4<sup>th</sup> grade alliterations and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade trick or treat works.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Dr. Lamberson reported that district wide reading and math ISAT scores are up. The trends had shown an erosion of achievement when following student’s progress from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels into freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes at RB. District 96 is now achieving the goal of one year of progress per year. The student population in the district is becoming more diverse. Currently for every 3 white students there is one minority student (black, Hispanic, Native American,

Pacific Islander or Asian). At 7<sup>th</sup> grade, less than half of the class started in Kindergarten in the district.

Several (big box) retail stores appealed their tax assessments for the years 2000-2001 arguing that the assessed value was too high. The Property Tax Appeal Board agreed in their final decision, which will result in the district losing \$435,000.00 next year. The stores are also appealing subsequent years.

Currently 62% of teachers in the district are non-tenured (having less than 4 years in the district). The reasons for this are class size guidelines and enrollment increases. District 96 would like to see the percentage in single digits.

Enrollment predictions based on 2005/6 birth rate data for Kindergarten enrollment in 2010 show an increase not seen since 1972. This would suggest that 8-9 sections of each class would be needed. The ideal number of sections based on available space is 7 (3 Central, 2 Ames, 1 Hollywood and 1 Blythe). If more sections were needed, a variety of options would need to be explored.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Children's Art/Original Works:** Krista Varady reported that 150 students participated netting approximately \$2050. Pickup will be on Wednesday from 2:30-3:30pm and Thursday from 8-9 am.

**Innisbrook Sale:** Orders are in, pickup is Wed. & Thursday with Original Works.

**P/T Conference Staff Dinner:** Signup sheet for contributions to the Staff Dinner were passed around.

**Library:** Mary Ellen Meindl stated that four spaces are remaining for "famous" readers for National Child Book Week.

**Jr. Great Books/Flying Carpet Club:** Aberdeen Ozga reported that training from the Great Books Foundation went fantastic and five attended the training. The secondary training will be held the last week of November in two sessions. Every lead/ co-lead should attend.

**Pavers:** Nikki Hajer stated that the order form for Holiday pavers would go out next Wednesday. Orders should be received by December 7<sup>th</sup> to receive a certificate on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Business:**

**Board of Education Update:** Mary Jo Robling and Allyn Pilewski attended the Board of Education meeting. One of the main topics was a presentation on Response to Intervention (RTI)- early intervention to assist kids. The next Board of Education meeting is November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Building Committee meets at 6:00 pm and the regular meeting is at 7:30 pm. Mary Jo encouraged PTA members to attend the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

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