

**Central School PTO Meeting
February 7, 2012**

Call to Order 6:30 p.m. in the Central School Library

Board Members Present: Jeannine Glavas, Amy Jacksic, Tracy Sloan, Sue Pipal, Angela Izzo, Patrick O'Laughlin and Aberdeen Ozga.

Minutes Motion to Approve the Minutes of January 13, 2012.
Motion made by Sue Pipal; Seconded by Angela Izzo. Motion carries.

Officers Reports

Co-PresidentsTraffic Safety: Amy Jacksic reported that the police have given positive feedback regarding the recent moving of 3rd grade drop-off to the back of the school. They have not given feedback about the impact of that change on pick-up because they are in the middle of a shift change when school lets out. Molly Carl offered her observation that at pick-up in the back of the school there is a long line of cars forming from the west on Akenside to turn right into the lot, yet people are also trying to turn left into the lot from eastbound Akenside. Dr. Limperis said that any rerouting of traffic would have to be approved by the police and that Central does not have sufficient staff to send outside prior to 3:05 to patrol the parking situation.

Talent Show Jeannine Glavas reported that while the Talent Show is scheduled for May 31 on the D96 calendar, the need to pack all of the school's property in anticipation of construction would impact talent show logistics and the ability of staff and volunteers to provide adequate support. The Board and the Talent Show Chairs are recommending that the Talent Show be postponed to 2013.

Motion to Postpone Talent Show to 2013: Made by Tracy Sloan; 2nd by Lynda Carey. Motion Carries.

Review of Current Programs/Fundraisers Jeannine Glavas stated that 10 years ago the Central School PTA had 26 committees. Today our PTO has in the neighborhood of 50 (not including special committees such as Audit, Philanthropy, Budget and Nominating). It has been proposed that Auction and Science Fair take place every other year. Also, while the Talent Show has been annual for 6 years, the Board is recommending that it take place every other year as well. Angela Izzo offered her opinion that since the Science Fair and Talent Show are both children focused it made sense to alternate them and that because both the Auction and the Science Fair take place in November it made sense to alternate those two initiatives with each other.

Motion to hold Talent Show Every Other Year, Starting in 2013: Made by Tracy Sloan; 2nd by Sue Pipal. Motion Carries.

Molly Carl observed that since the Science Fair is curriculum it may be better to do this annually. She suggested looking at PTO programming holistically. Dr. Limperis stated that in her opinion an every other year cycle invigorates children and keeps the volunteer pool fresh.

Committee Reports (out of order)

Cultural Heritage Fair Molly Carl reported that Dawn Gmitro presented about this April 11 program to the teacher's leadership committee. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an Ellis Island check-in. Visitors will circulate through classrooms featuring different countries. Sponsored countries include Spain, China, Germany, Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa, Japan, Korea and the Czech Republic. The teachers will be sponsoring two additional countries.

Officers Reports (continued)

Capital Improvements Jeannine Glavas stated that the PTO would be moving its property out of Central School and into a paid storage facility on April 4 at 10:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet was circulated seeking volunteers to assist with the move. Molly Carl noted that there were certain Cultural arts prints which had not been reframed and did not tie into the current curriculum that the Committee was considering making available at the Cultural Fair to families who might want them.

Exercise Opportunity Jeannine Glavas reported that Central parent Olga Pribyl-Pierdinock approached the PTO offering to run a new program where children who log 25 hours of exercise between March 5 and April 30 can earn a ticket to Raging Waves Water Park in Yorkville, IL. This could easily tie in with Screen Free Week.

Motion to Add Raging Waves Exercise Opportunity as a PTO Program for 2012:

Made by Amy Jacksic; 2nd by Tracy Sloan; Motion Carries.

1st VPs Tracy Sloan reported that Committee Chair and Room Parent Information would be made available for Kindergarten Information Night on March 1st. She also noted that it was difficult to find Chairs for many of the Committees as so many families now have both parents working.

2nd VP Fundraising Update Sue Pipal reported that the Auction will take place in November of 2012, location to be determined.

Nominating Committee Sue also advised that the Nominating Committee will meet February 20th. Prospective nominees should contact Sue.

Board of Education Meeting Sue attended the January BOE meeting and advised that Dr. Lamberson's presentation was identical to that presented at the PTO's January 13 meeting. She also reported that the BOE voted to evaluate the Quest and Special Ed Programs in Academic Year 2012-2013. The BOE will vote upon the school calendar for that academic year at its March meeting and while there are a number of drafts, under no circumstances will school start before Labor Day.

3rd VP Jeannine Glavas reported for Jeanine Vaia that an inventory of PTO property has been completed and is up on the PTO Website.

Treasurer Angela Izzo reported that the PTO's net income for January was a negative \$1,179 due largely to a payout for Spirit Wear of \$2,105. Sue Pipal sought clarification, and Angela confirmed, that the additional \$350 approved in January for Screen Free Week would not be deducted from Philanthropy's budget until the speaker's invoice was paid.

Committee Reports (out of order)

Book Fair Amy Jacksic reported that the PTO sold over \$14,000 worth of books at the fair. (When you include the online sales, the total sold exceeds last year by close to \$2,000.) Thus, over \$8,000 worth of books was earned through

Scholastic's in-kind program for the school and our teachers. The PTO has already given close to \$800 worth of books to the school library, which are in the process of being covered. The teachers will be able to start ordering their books within about a month.

The One for Books change collection was \$867, with the top three classes being: Ms. Vizek (3rd): \$165; Mrs. Kladis (3rd): \$119 and Mr. E (2nd): \$104. Because they all broke the \$100 mark they will each receive a pizza party. \$350 of the change collected went to ensure that Central students needing financial assistance were able to shop the book fair. The remaining \$500 went to purchase brand new books for the Infant Welfare Society in Chicago.

Ice Skating Party Jeannine Glavas reminded us that since Friday is an early release day, an ice skating party will be held at Ridgeland Commons in Oak Park. There will be no morning kindergarten on this day. The afternoon kindergarteners will attend in the morning.

School Supplies Jeannine Glavas reported that home delivery of school supplies will cost \$5 per box on top of the cost of the supplies.

Screen Free Week Jacquie Mathis reported that a full week of activities has planned for Screen Free Week. All D96 schools and the Riverside Public Library are co-sponsoring a speaker on creativity, Eric Rohman, on Monday. The PTO's share is \$165. There will be events sponsored by the Riverside Arts Center and the Riverside Pilates Studio throughout the week. Hauser is having an Orchestra Concert on Tuesday night. Central's Open House is Thursday night. The Bike Safety /Stunt show will be Friday morning at 10:30 and the Fun Fair is Friday night at 7:30. Saturday morning the Olmsted Society is having a family workday. There will be raffle prizes for the children similar to last year, including teacher lunches. It should be a lot of fun!

Year Book Jacquie Mathis reported that she is the photo coordinator for the Road Runner yearbook and encourages Committee Chairs to forward photos of their activities.

Teacher Appreciation Week Maura Braun reported that the luncheon this year will be held Tuesday, May 1st at the Chew Chew Café. Because of limited capacity and the split lunch hour at school, teachers will eat in shifts of 11:30-12:10 and 12:10-12:50. Four volunteers are still needed to fill the para-professionals' positions over the lunch hour either in the Central School lunchroom or on the playground so that the paraprofessionals may participate in the luncheon as well.

Indoor Recess Molly Carl inquired whether there would be an evaluation of the indoor recess program, noting that she had heard reports of missing game pieces in board games and boredom with the TV room. Dr. Limperis responded that the games are replaced once per year and that had been done recently. She also explained that the children rotate indoor recess days between 5 different rooms, so that they are not always doing the same activity. The children had indoor recess due to weather/wind chill three days this academic year, but there may have been additional days of indoor recess due to mud or icy conditions on the ground. Dr. Limperis welcomed the idea of a committee to evaluate the indoor recess program.

Principal's Report

Dr. Limperis reported that due to the impending construction projects Ames was discussing cancelling its open house and it was likely that the Central School Open House, currently scheduled for April 23, would not be as elaborate as in prior years. ISATs will be administered March 5-16 and 3rd graders are currently being taught how to write extended reading responses for that exam. Second trimester report cards will be distributed Friday, March 2. The parent teacher conferences which are being held this Friday are by teacher invitation and are thus not mandatory for every student. Tracy Sloan inquired whether moving the Open House to a date earlier than April 23 would alleviate some of the concerns related to preparing for the construction project. Dr. Limperis said that was a good suggestion. She explained that during the last seven or eight days of school the children would need to be out of the building as much as possible on field trips or other curriculum based activities. The school offices would be moved to Blythe Park School and Dr. Limperis would remain on-site at Central with a phone and minimal supplies. She also advised that the pre-bid meeting went well, with 80-90 prospective contractors and subcontractors attending. The bid would be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Tracy Sloan inquired how an indoor recess committee might be formed procedurally. Angela Izzo and Lynda Carey expressed interest in participating. Dr. Limperis said that one or more representatives from Central's staff should participate as well. Jeannine Glavas said that a Feed blitz could be sent so that families not in attendance at tonight's meeting could have an opportunity to become involved. Patrick O'Laughlin clarified that such a committee could be formed without parliamentary procedure concerns since it would not be a standing committee. Jeannine Glavas likened it to the Traffic Safety Committee, which has essentially been a one year committee formed to address a set of specific issues. Dr. Limperis noted that one more meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee was needed to touch base with the Riverside Police and determine whether additional adjustments are necessary to enhance student safety.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m..

Minutes respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Aberdeen Ozga.