

**Central School PTO Meeting
April 11, 2013**

Call to Order 8:30 a.m. in the Central School Library.
Members Present: Amy Jacksic, Lynda Murphy, Angela Izzo, Kim Macchia, Sue Pipal, Jessica Niekrasz, Paula Fudacz, Kathy Alexander, Amy Hill, Jacqueline Miller, Aberdeen Ozga, Ann Marie Dixon, Meg O'Brien, Samantha Lutz, Dr. Janice Limperis

Minutes March 8, 2013 minutes were approved.

Officers Reports

Co-Presidents' Report

Nominating Committee

Motion: Aberdeen Ozga moved that the following officers be elected for the PTO board for the 2013-14 school year:

Lynda Murphy and Jessica Niekrasz as president, Amy Mooney and Paula Fudacz as 1st VP, Amy Hill as 2nd VP, Kim Macchia as 3rd VP, Angela Izzo as Treasurer (subject to bylaw change); Amy Jacksic as Secretary, Sue Pipal as Parliamentarian.

A motion to approve the slate was made by Kim Macchia, Aberdeen Ozga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kim Macchia seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

1st VPs' Report

Committee and Room Parent sign up is currently online. Paula also reported that all committee chairs should return an evaluation form for their committee as it helps the chairs for next year. Lynda and Jessica will email all committee chairs to see if they would like to return next year.

2nd VP's Report

School Board Meeting: Dr. Sharma-Lewis was in attendance. There are 1216 children in D96. 112 are new registers. This is 20% higher than last year. There will be 8 sections of kindergarten this year. The gym light issue at Hauser has been fixed. Gym bleachers and the floors will be refurbished this summer. The "bump out" design will be finalized. The board will now hold a new Q and A session with 2 board members and the superintendent. This session will take place from 6:30-7:25 before the regularly scheduled board meeting. Full day kindergarten is being looked at. The committee consists of teachers and parents. The lunch ticket price will stay the same for next year. Aberdeen noted that at the April 16 board meeting, there would be a vote on world language, the gifted program and science curriculum. She urged members to attend the meeting if they are interested.

Philanthropy: Jessica Niekrasz explained there were a few requests for this trimester, and the philanthropy committee will meet and present at the next PTO meeting. Last month, the children enjoyed cheese curds as part of the farm to table initiative. The next snack will be strawberries (if there is a good growing season).

3rd VPs Report Kim Macchia reported that the PTO installation event will take place the evening of May 16 at the Riverside Tap Room. Calendar order forms will also go out this month.

Treasurer's Report

Angela Izzo reported that last month the PTO spent \$5440.00 on philanthropy. We still have a solid balance with two months left in the school year, therefore, we should encourage philanthropy requests.

Parliamentarian Report: No report.

Committee Reports

Talent Show: In the past, there has been a \$5 participation fee to cover the DJ. Applications are due now.

Motion: A motion was made by Kim Macchia to have the PTO cover the cost of the DJ. Paula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FLOS Poetry Contest: Aberdeen reported that the purpose of this contest is to get kids out in the landscape, to take time to experience what is different about Riverside's landscape and then convey their impressions in a poem.

Plunge into Fitness: Forms are due on April 15.

School Supplies: We are using a new vendor. Supplies will be picked up at the end of the school year. The supplies will be shrink-wrapped. We had the same number of orders as last year.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch: Will be held on May 7. There will be two seatings at the Chew Chew. The PTO needs 15 people to volunteer for lunch time. Ingrid Nolan will design and install the decorations. A discussion was had about volunteers needed for the various events and donations for the teacher raffles.

Yearbook: needs pictures. If you have any, please burn them to a disc and deliver to the PTO mailbox.

Screen Free Week: will be run by Ann Marie Dixon. Activities this year include:

Sat: FLOS clean up in Patriots Park

Mon: Party for Helio in the Library; Frisbee Mania at Central

Tues: Cupcake decorating; Zumba

Wed: Day Camp in the gym; shoe tying class

Thurs: Mini- acting academy

Fri: Off

Sat: RAC classes, \$10 per class.

RAIN: RAIN meeting which is always held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the Riverside Public Library. Rain is sponsoring a Mindful Parent Seminar. Also, on May 9 there will be an inclusion seminar.

Principal's Report

Dr. Limperis reported that open house will be April 17. The students will also attend Little Symphony next week. On April 15, Dr. Sharma-Lewis will meet the staff and the PTO presidents. On Friday, there will be interviews for the new principal for Central and Ames. The interview committee will be 2 teachers, 1 PTO rep, 1 person from the support staff and Dr. Sharma-Lewis. There will be a finalized script of questions asked of each candidate. May 3rd is teacher institute. Next year, there will be some new room assignments. Dr. Limperis intends to leave the new principal class lists, room assignments so that he/she may start off the year without those tasks. Mrs. Lutz will be moving back to 4th Grade, Mrs. Walsh will move to 5th Grade.

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Lutz said the Redmoon artists have been working with the children, and will be ready to move on to work with the fourth graders on April 23. All parents are welcome to the Spring Musical in May. There will be a safety drill, and all students have been taught how to hide if an intruder enters the building.

Other Announcements

Upcoming events:

April 18 – Spring Open House

May 7 – Teacher appreciation lunch

May 30 – Talent show

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Pipal, Secretary.