

Central School PTA Minutes Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Introduction: The meeting began at 9:24 am in the Cafeteria after a recital by the 5th Grade Band and Orchestra. The PTA officers in attendance: Linda LaBelle, Mary Ellen Meindl, Jeannine Glavas, Rick LaBelle, Allyn Pilewski, Kathy Dudek, Nancy Hopkins and Patrick O’Laughlin. Also in attendance: District 96 Superintendent Dr. Lamberson, Central School Principal Dr. Limperis and Central School Teacher Samantha Lutz.

Minutes: The February 5, 2008 minutes were approved by Mary Ellen Meindl and seconded by Jeannine Glavas.

President’s Report: Linda LaBelle stated that the PTA brochures about healthy kids and helping kids through school were available at the meeting. We are still investigating the PTA/PTO issues. The membership for PTO Today was up for renewal at a price of \$149.00 now vs. \$199.00 later. A motion was made by Kathy Dudek to approve the renewal and seconded by Nancy Hopkins. The motion passed.

Nomination of Officers: Jeannine Glavas read the proposed slate of nominees for 2008-2009 as follows: President- Mary Ellen Meindl, 1st Vice Presidents- Melinda Brom/ Michelle Marconi, 2nd Vice President- Kathy Dudek, 3rd Vice President- Nancy Hutchings, Treasurer- Jane Wilhelm, Recording Secretary- Patrick O’Laughlin, Corresponding Secretary- Jennifer Sedivy and Parliamentarian Linda LaBelle.

Treasurer’s Report: Rick LaBelle reported that our income is \$2000.00 over the proposed budget. Rick will be out of town for the next two months, so please get in any check requests the week before you need them.

Principal’s Report: Dr. Limperis reported that a letter will be going out about the ISAT test which will be held March 10th – 20th. The heaviest days are March 11th – 14th. Teacher evaluations for the support staff were completed yesterday. The non-tenured teacher’s reviews will be next week and the tenured teachers later in the month. We will be losing one 5th Grade section next year. Dr. Limperis thanked everyone for their assistance at the Poetry “Tea’s”. The TDPE room opens the week of the 10th. There will be 57 sections for TDPE. As a reminder, the PTA closet (which has teacher appreciation stuff, ice cream social supplies, etc.) is still in the TDPE room.

Teacher Representative: Samantha Lutz reported that report cards went home yesterday. Please sign and return them this week. Also a reminder for the ISAT tests: please send a healthy snack and make sure your kids get a good night’s rest for the tests. The Valentine’s Day parties went well, thank you for the supplies and help. Samantha passed around work from Ms. Keller’s class- “Love Bugs” which are sent to family/ friends out of state, who write back stories of the adventures the “Love Bug” made.

Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Lamberson passed out a handout illustrating role allocation for District 96. There are three tiers to role allocation: operational (day to day), tactical (what to do next month, ISAT), and strategic (long term, what we are doing to address ISAT scores). The School Board addresses policy issues and meet once a month. They are not involved in day-to-day activities. The District Leadership Team has worked on many changes in the district. They have implemented MAP (to predict how students will perform on national standard achievement tests), Middle school changes (now every teacher meets with the students every day). Last year, the existing 8th Grade performed at or better than when they started 6th Grade. Dr. Lamberson also passed out a handout showing role allocation for

District 96. Principals handle district wide duties, not just duties for their individual schools. As a reminder, please try to solve problems as close to their source as possible. First visit with the teacher, then if the problem can't be resolved, visit with the principal, then if no resolution, the superintendent. Next year there will be approximately 500 students at Hauser, an 8-9% increase in enrollment. To address space limitations, the current 5th Grade room and the Kindergarten room closest to the District offices may be used for Hauser. There is also the possibility of moving District offices to free up classroom space. There has been an influx into the district in the Hauser years, with stronger movement from private schools to Hauser. According to projections, there should be elevated enrollment for 6 years, which we believe we can accommodate. MAP testing will be in April. After that there will be data from beginning of the year and end of the year to show growth.

Committee Reports:

Spring Family Fun Night: Mary Ellen Meindl stated that the Fun night will be on Friday.

Library: Jeannine Glavas reminded everyone to “avoid heart disease, volunteer” and offered that opportunity shelving books in the Library on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Book Fair: Beverly Aieta passed around a signup sheet for this year's book fair “Take a road trip”. Lisa Marciniak needs a helper for the Teacher open house.

PTO/PTA: Nancy Hopkins reported that there will be an information presentation at the April meeting. If there are any questions or concerns, please let the committee know. A Feedblitz was sent out today and last week.

Teacher Appreciation: Nancy Connelly and Sandi Briolat co-chair Teacher Appreciation. This year's theme is “We think the world of you”. It begins the week of May 5th with Cinco de Mayo with each day being a different country. There will be a bulletin board and daily delights. A signup sheet for volunteers was passed around. The teacher luncheon will be Tuesday May 6th, Maura Braun is coordinating the luncheon.

100% Fund: A feedback survey will go out in the Wednesday backpacks, it is also available online.

Jr. Great Books: Jr. Great Books has been going great and will end before spring break.

Reflections: Congratulations to all the participants in Reflections.

Other Business: Jane Wilhelm reported that the vendor for school supplies is EPI. Supplies can be ordered from March 31st – April 11th online only.

Announcements: Thank you to our Committee Chairs and many volunteers during February: **Ice Skating Party;** Audrey Korslund, **Library Bulletin Board;** Cindy Robinson, **February Cultural Arts volunteers, Early Childhood Screening;** Kathy Dudek, **Birthday Boards;** Lisa Marciniak & Allyn Pilewski, **Flyers;** Tiffany McManus, **Read to Succeed;** Maureen Zalewski, **Reflections;** Karen Layng, **Science in a Can;** Linda Roberto & Kim Frank and the **March Meeting hostesses;** Kathy Dudek & Michelle Marconi.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

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