

## **Central School PTO Minutes Tuesday, September 1st, 2009**

**Introduction:** The meeting began at 9:00 am in the Library. The PTO officers in attendance: Allyn Pilewski, Jennifer Sedivy, Nancy Hutchings, Jeannine Vaia, Samantha Durst, Jane Wilhelm and Mary Ellen Meindl. Also in attendance: District 96 Superintendent Dr. Lamberson, Central School Principal Dr. Limperis and Central School Teacher Michelle Laughlin.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the May 5th, 2009 minutes was made by Mary Ellen Meindl and seconded by Jeannine Glavas. The motion passed.

### **Officers' Reports:**

**President:** Allyn Pilewski introduced the 2009-10 Board: President- Allyn Pilewski; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents- Jennifer Sedivy and Nancy Hutchings; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Samantha Durst; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President- Jeanine Vaia; Treasurer- Jane Wilhelm; Recording Secretary- Kate Nessinger; and Parliamentarian- Mary Ellen Meindl. Allyn stated that there is no sign up for the PTO since everyone is a member. This year, the PTO is using E-Backpack, so make sure you add your email address for Feed blitz (go to the PTO website to sign up). The PTO wants to finish landscaping the last part of the playground area, but first it must be approved by the building committee of the Board of Education then the Riverside Preservation Committee and finally the Village must approve the plans. Please fill out the directory forms and turn them in by September 8<sup>th</sup> (the form is on the website).

**Membership:** Nancy Hutchings thanked everyone for signing up to help in the classrooms. Almost all committees chair slots are filled. Please pick up room parent folders if you haven't already.

**Treasurer:** Jane Wilhelm presented the proposed budget for 2009-10 which included \$1200 for Garden Gurus for tree injections. A motion to approve the budget was made by Jeannine Glavas and seconded by Jeannine Vaia. The motion passed.

**Philanthropy:** Samantha Durst reported that we have eliminated many time consuming fundraisers and replaced them with the 100% Fund in which the whole donation goes to the PTO. The Innisbrook fundraiser begins September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up for Target credit card points (a percentage of sales goes to the school), since summer we have received \$700. The remaining fundraisers are the Kids Art fundraiser, Pavers, Box tops and Campbell's soup labels (gym equipment).

**Correspondence:** Jeannine Vaia requested that if you know of a family in need, please let her know so that the PTO can help. Please enter your directory and calendar orders by September 8<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$3.00.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Lamberson reported that this year we have a record number of students: 1508 (the same as in 1972). Six students are in the early childhood program. This year, we are excited about the Laptop program. Last spring, concern was raised over communicating issues (H1N1, lockout/lockdown issues). This year, the methods of communication are as follows: 1) Telephone number (given already to the School Reach program, which calls the 1<sup>st</sup> number given); 2) Posted on Central's website; 3) Broadcast emails from Dr. Lamberson's/ Dr. Limperis' office. This year, in an effort to be more green, the district is using E-backpack- the items normally received in the child's backpack will be in electronic format in an attempt to save paper and time for the district. The information will be posted one day per week, not every day on the website. Using the website's "Power School" the district will be able to send email out about individual grades etc. using the email addresses provided by parents already. On the district website under "Planning documents" there is a PDF of the accomplishments from 2005-09. This year, the class size cap is 23.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Limperis reported that there are almost 400 kids at Central. There is a lot of excitement about the Laptop program. This year the school is supplying hand sanitizer, Kleenex and wipes. Next year the school will provide rulers, scissors, protractors and compasses. At the end of this year, you can donate any of these items to the school if you wish.

**Teacher's Report:** Michelle Laughlin welcomed everyone to a new school year and stated that the teachers are excited about this year.

**PTO Committee Reports:**

**Library Volunteers:** Jeannine Glavas invited everyone to the Library Volunteers meeting on Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Library. If you cannot attend, please contact Jeannine. The volunteer opportunities include reading to your child's class in the library, shelving books, helping with the library bulletin boards and cover books.

**Family Fun Night:** Tracy Sloan invited everyone to attend Family Fun Night on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm. There will be a jumpee, DJ, dance lessons, pizza and pop. If the weather doesn't cooperate it will be held in the Hauser Gym. Please volunteer to help out in ½ hour time slots.

**Hike and Bike Week:** Hike and Bike Week begins October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Cultural Arts:** Molly Carl invited all to sign up to volunteer for Cultural Arts. It involves bringing a painting to your child's class and asking open ended questions to the kids as well as completing an art project based on the artwork. A lot of the research has already been done for the projects. There will be an orientation meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. There is a signup sheet in the office.

**Environmental Concerns:** There will be an informational meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.

The Minutes are respectfully submitted by Kate Nessinger, Recording Secretary.