

**Central PTO Monthly Meeting
September 14, 2012, 9:00 a.m.**

Call to Order 9:00 a.m. at the Central School Library.

Present: Amy Jacksic, Lynda Murphy, Sue Pipal, Jeanine Vaia, Angela Izzo, Stefanie Dockendorf, Kim Macchia, Jessica Niekrasz, Aberdeen Ozga, Mary Komperda, Molly Carl, Kim Dixon, Sandy Briolat, Holly Machina, Shari Klyber, DeAnn Gruber, Gretchen Reyes, Kathy Alexander, Tiffany Storandt, Stephanie O'Brien, AnnMarie Dixon, Jennifer Sedivy, Lauren Breit, Amy Hill, Jen Gentile, Dr. Limperis, Meg O'Brien, Samantha Lutz.

Minutes A motion to approve the May 11, 2012 minutes was made by Sandy Briolat. Jessica Niekrasz seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Teacher Representative Report: Mrs. Lutz reported that the teachers were very happy with the physical improvements and air conditioning in the school. Unpacking is a work in progress, and the new technology /presentation system in all rooms will be working soon. There was a lunch time change – lunch is now 12:05-12:55. Parent night is Sept. 27th. Amy added that the teachers should call the PTO presidents if they have any questions about donating auction items.

Officers Reports

Co-Presidents' Report

Pick-up and Drop-off: Third grade pick-up and drop-off is in the back of Central. Students then need to walk to the front of the school to line-up. A discussion was had about parents who continue to arrive early and park, disrupting the pick-up and drop-off procedure. Potential ticketing was discussed. All agreed the procedure behind the school is very smooth.

On-line Directory: This is not available yet. Room Parents should ask their teachers for an email list.

PTO Storage and Lowes Grant: While we are not sure where the PTO storage will be, the use of the Lowes grant is on hold. Cultural Arts October presentations will start on time, as the October paintings will be moved to the old cultural arts closet.

Target Gift Cards: A thank you to all who voted for Central. Central PTO won \$100 in Target Gift Cards.

BMX Bike Rodeo: Matt Wilhelm is scheduled for October 5 at 10:20 with an anti-bullying message.

1st VPs Report

Committee Chairs: Paula and Amy Mooney should be emailed with any questions. Dana Tomas was thanked for hosting the PTO room parent/committee chair gathering at her home. Paula was thanked for the delicious baked items.

Treasurer's Report

Angela Izzo summarized the highlights. The financial report was circulated. Last year was an excellent year. The PTO budgeted \$8,000 in fundraising, and earned \$23,000. We are starting this year in a financially strong position. The PTO was able to sponsor many events last year, including field trips, cultural heritage festival, science fair, re-framed paintings, and the bike rodeo. This year the proposed budget includes monies that will be made from the auction. We are adding money to the budget to replenish cultural arts supplies, a children's activity grant, flying carpet, artist in residence, cultural arts website, the bike rodeo, and family fun night. We tried to enhance many committee budgets reasoning that money should be spent on the children at Central while they are here.

Angela presented the 2012-13 budget. Sue Pipal made a motion to approve the 2012-13 budget. Jessica seconded. The budget was approved unanimously.

2nd VP's Report

Philanthropy: We will solicit ideas and vote on Philanthropy requests soon. Both parents and teachers/staff can make requests and turn those into the PTO box in the office.

100% Fund: This fundraiser is underway and will end on September 21, 2012.

3rd VP's Report

Calendars: Will be available for purchase on Parent Night.

Parliamentarian's Report

Update Bylaws/Standing Rules: Because we do not have any authority under the current bylaws to make a donation for retirement or bereavement for the passing of a member of the family of the faculty/staff, Aberdeen proposed an amendment to the bylaws. During this meeting, she gave the membership notice of this amendment, which will be voted on at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Auction: Lynda reported that the auction would be held at the Riverside Golf Club. Tickets are \$50 each, and include a buffet style dinner and an open bar of beer and wine. The Gentiles will sell wine as a fundraiser as well. All donations are to be collected by October 5. Katie Leander will post extreme baskets that you can donate to online. Mrs. Mathis has been working with the RAC on the kid's art project for auction.

100% Fund: Amy Hill stated that this fundraiser has raised \$500 to date and we will accept donations after September 21st.

Innisbrook Sales: Gretchen Reyes reported that Innisbrook would go on sale September 28-October 9. Packets will be included in the children's backpack. Sales will be online. Prizes are better this year and early orders will get prizes early. There will be a pizza party for the top selling class.

Audit: The Audit committee found no exceptions.

Family Fun Night: There will be added activities, as well as favorite carnival games, the RB puppettes, three inflatables. Pizza will be different this year, as the families must specify a delivery time. There will also be lights outside. Amy Hill asked for volunteers. Amy Jacksic added there would be a food drive for this event, run by the student government to benefit the Riverside Food Pantry.

RAIN: Mary reported the first meeting would be September 19; the business meeting will start at 6:30, the general meeting at 7:30. There will be a resource fair in North Riverside Commons on November 3rd. The speaker will talk on executive functioning skills. There will also be a speaker on when to see a speech therapist. In December, there will be an "inclusive education week". RAIN will partner with teachers on different learning techniques. RAIN has a new website and a facebook page.

Grant Writing: Jennifer Royer reported that we would apply for a Target grant for the fourth grade field trip. Also, REEF will take proposals for initiatives soon. A discussion was had regarding seeking a REEF grant for a RAIN proposal or supporting a teacher led initiative. A discussion was also had about applying to the Township for a grant.

Halloween Play: Dawn Gmitro will write and produce the play.

Hike and Bike Week: will run the first week of October. Burlington Realty will sponsor the give away this year, which may be snack bags instead of water bottles.

Kids Art: Jen Gentile reported that kids art would start when Innisbrook ends. One new product is an iphone cover.

Spirit Wear: Diane Grossi is using a new vendor. New offerings will include mesh athletic shorts, a scarf, tote bag and possibly a woman/girl cut t-shirt.

Rollerskating Party: Kim Dixon reported the party would be at Fleetwood Roller Rink on October 12, 2012.

Target Fundraising: Katie Leander reported that Central PTO raised \$1700 last year, and \$95 to date this year. 44 families have red cards and have signed up. Amy Jacksic requested that the Target fundraiser be promoted.

Principal's Report: Dr. Limperis reported that there are 100 new students to Central. 53 are from other school districts. The Kindergarten Study Group results will be important, as the only reason the district does not have full day kindergarten is due to space constraints. This year, students have been selected as Student Ambassadors to

help new students integrate in the school. Essentially, this is a buddy system program. Currently, the teachers are performing guided reading assessments. November parent teacher conference sign-ups will be online this year. Dr. Limperis explained not all the boxes have been moved and unpacked for the parent open house. In total, 14 tons of boxes have been moved, and this does not include furniture. There will be a rededication of the school and a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 18. All parents, students and neighbors are invited to attend.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Pipal, the Recording Secretary.