

## CENTRAL SCHOOL PTO MINUTES - 10/24/13

The regular monthly meeting of the Central School PTO was held Thursday, October 24, 2013 in the All Purpose Room. All the Executive Board Members were in attendance.

1. Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 1:50pm by Lisa Brady.
2. Old business and approval of last meeting's minutes: Brenda Nemcek made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 12, 2013 PTO meeting, with a second by Stacy Meltzer .  
Motion passed.
3. Budget Update: given by Julie Vagelos, treasurer.
4. Principal Report:
  - a. Parent Teacher conferences – notices will go out tomorrow regarding times for which parents signed up.
  - b. Gaga Pit – ribbon cutting last week. Flooring will go in soon. Children enjoying the new play experience. Pit came in under budget.
  - c. GoMath presentation – went well. Looking to have more presentations to help parents utilize program better. More info to come home as well.
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. Trunk or Treat –Stacey Colman. Huge turn-out anticipated; 28 cars will participate; DJ, bounce house; police department will drop off street light for extra safety; pumpkin decorating contest - pumpkins need to be submitted by 10am tomorrow, 10/25.
  - b. Adult Social – Doreen Clemente. Update of progress of adults social. Researching options (wine/scotch tasting), possible mardi gras theme; tricky tray baskets will be included again. Looking for leads on a DJ/band. More info to follow.
  - c. Membership – Jen Archbold. 199 members out of 241. Directories have gone out.
  - d. Fund Drive – Doreen Clemente. Fund drive deadline has been extended. We are just under 6000, representing about 40% of families at school, which is abt \$100 above budgeted. Can donate via fooddays website or manual checks.
  - e. Cultural Arts – Brenda Nemcek. School House Rock Live is booked for November 15. Companion curriculum is included for teachers. On Dec 11, Newark Boys Choir will hopefully return for concert and sing along. This is a cultural exchange format because they do Q&A and stay with 5<sup>th</sup> graders for lunch.
  - f. Box Tops – we are collecting box tops this year. Payal Dave to chair.

6. Live it, Learn it, Fund it!: New initiative to fund creative projects by grade level or specials. (See letter) Executive Board agreed on this new initiative. PTO needs to approve budget increase of \$2500. Vote: all in favor, no opposed.

7. Thank You's:

- a. Thanks to Ginny Conway and Nany Galbraith for KidStuff coupon books
- b. Jen Nuzzi for great job putting together the school directory
- c. Julie Gnoy for all the fall decorations and plantings around front of school

8. Miscellaneous:

- a. Lisa asked board for suggestions or ideas on how to make PTO mtgs more robust, with increased attendance. Different suggestions were made, including having classes/grades make presentation to draw in parents, having curriculum night by teachers piggyback with evening board meeting.
- b. Halloween costumes will not be collected this year.
- c. Stacy Meltzer made suggestion that we use PTO meetings to inform parents of all activities/initiatives that occur in school, as well as what to expect at each grade level.

9. Adjournment: Next meeting will be November 21 at 7pm . Meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm by Lisa Brady.

10. Minutes submitted by Jennifer Wojie, Recording Secretary