

CENTRAL SCHOOL PTO MINUTES - 9/12/13

The regular monthly meeting of the Central School PTO was held Thursday, September 12, 2013 in the All Purpose Room. All the Executive Board Members were in attendance.

1. Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Lisa Brady. Members of the executive board this year consist of Lisa Brady, President; Jen Archbold, VP Membership; Doreen Clemente, VP Fundraising; Julie Vagelos, Treasurer; Jen Wojje, Secretary.
2. Old business and approval of last meeting's minutes: Beth Richmond made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 8, 2013 PTO meeting, with a second by Chris Martini. Motion passed.
3. Miss Sacks: please donate extra clothing to the school. There is a new, district-wide policy being implemented regarding class parties. There will be 5 parties: Halloween, holiday, Valentines and end of year. Teachers may offer an optional 5th party. New food and drink rules were discussed. Birthday policies are same (except 5th grade because of homeroom issue). Rewards must not be food. Policies can be found on district website and student directory.
4. Vote on proposed budget: Julie reviewed budget. Motion to approve: Brenda, second by Beth Richmond. Gaga Pit checks written end of year (\$8000.00). The pad for the pit was donated by the Yanotta family (5th grade). Pit will be located between swings and school. Opening of pit scheduled for late fall. Children will be instructed in safe use during recess times by Mrs. Roth. Chris Martini asked about archery set. Mrs. Milita will check into that. Budget approved. No one opposed.
5. Principal Report:
 - a. letter went out yesterday regarding eblasts.
 - b. Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday 9/26 from 7-8:30. Emily Harmatz asked about clothing sales during BTS night. Mrs. Morris will coordinate 5th grade volunteers for clothing sales.
 - c. Parking lot safety: Mrs. Milita asked that parents please park and walk in. Do not park alongside door and run in. Jeanine Sarosy asked about teachers parking farther down lot so parents do not have to park so far away and walk past buses. Mrs. Milita asked parents to please not park in staff lot. Beth Richmond asked about parents who park in handicap spots and if there is a way to discourage. No clear answer. Stacey Meltzer raised concern about parents and teachers turning into lot from Mt. Bethel.

6. Events this school year:

Lisa discussed list of events. First topic: family field trip headed by Jeanine Sarosy. Overnight camp-out or vs. day trip were discussed, as well as price and feasibility and interest for families. (Stacy Meltzer asked about field trips.) Lisa Brady said we will continue to get more consensus before putting in lot of leg work, then move forward.

Family Fun Day: Beth talked about events in past. Committee chair still needed for this.

Health and Fitness Day: Beth will run it but as it was not on SOS form, volunteers are needed.

Options were discussed.

7. Committee Reports:

Library volunteers needed.

Class parents Mrs. Milita asked for HR parents to take photos and give to school for yearbook.

New lunch seatings were discussed, as well as the switch to recess before lunch.

Directory: Jen Nuzzi, asked again about color directory, diff of \$200. She is waiting for updated forms. Deadline was yesterday/today. Will go to printer soon. Cover contest: photos will be on display for BTS night.

Membership: PTO membership deadline is today, along with fooddays payment

Fooddays: Stacy Meltzer spoke for Christine Gubitosi . An email needs to go out to all volunteers regarding actual times to serve as they differ this year. Chairs are still needed for Bistro Day and volunteers needed for Mexican Day. Question: add lunch on Fridays in place of smoothie day? An additional vendor can be added in January. Stacy Meltzer will coordinate volunteers for fooddays.

Kidstuff: organized and underway. Teachers have books; went home yesterday.

*Beth asked about school security strategic plan. Local police will review.

Cultural Arts - Brenda

Box tops - Stacy Meltzer asked about box tops. Need chair. Payal Dave volunteered.

8. Mrs. Milita: Parent Volunteer Training power point presentation.

9. Adjournment: Next meeting will be Oct 24 at 1:45pm. Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 by Lisa Brady.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Wojie, Recording Secretary