

## **CENTRAL SCHOOL PTO MINUTES**

**9/14/12**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central PTO was held on Friday, September 14, 2012 in the All purpose room. All Executive board members were in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 9:50 by Beth Richmond. Ila Gillenwater made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 23, 2012 PTO meeting with a second from Emily Harmatz, motion passed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (GIVEN BY BETH RICHMOND AND CHRIS MARTINI)**

Beth and Chris Welcomed everyone.

Beth thanked Gina Rosenfarb for the teacher's back to school luncheon, Emily Harmatz for selling the clothes, Stacy Meltzer for baking, Chris Gubitosi and Erica Grossberg for food days and Kerin Sidlowski for social action of collecting school supplies.

Beth and Chris want people to know that the PTO is always accepting people for committees. Still need chairs for some.

Need family field trip chair, perhaps NJ aquarium in Camden, school spirit and maybe school store if we decide to do it. Playground needs reworking and we are looking for people for that committee. That committee will consist of a parent team mixed with teachers. There is a New chair person handbook for volunteers to help with running your committee. Come get it from Beth if you need it.

### **TEACHER'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mrs. Sienna said that this year the school is doing innovation and design. The 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is now working on mechanical toys. Talking about simple machines and how they work and function. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is next from, may be construction unit. In the Spring, 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> will learn about power and energy. This class will using netbooks, google docs a lot of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and hands on teaching.

They do get a grade in this class. Thanked PTO and parents for everything that we do for the kids at central.

### **VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP (GIVEN BY NANCY GALBRAITH)**

Nancy has gotten a lot of membership forms in. Please join and you can get a directory. A reminder will go out as well.

### **VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING (GIVEN BY KERIN SIDLOWSKI)**

Next week capital funds campaign will start. Programs need funding like Young authors day, etc. The programs cost the PTO money. Letter will come home from PTO requesting a donation. All money goes directly to assembly and programs. Send check or through food days website. Adult fundraiser committee, feel free to ask for help and/or I will be on the committee. Please donate.

### **VICE PRESIDENT OF NEW STUDENT POPULATION (GIVEN BY LISA BRADY)**

New parents will be getting a letter because we have so many new students. Want to get together, maybe do a mentorship program. Pair up parents to get to know how school works. Would love input. Please let me know.

### **TREASURER REPORT (GIVEN BY JULIE VAGELOS)**

Copy of budget in the back, please take one. It is very similar to last year. If you would like to get reimbursed there are forms in the office. You need to fill one out. Treasury has a box with forms. Motion to Stacy Metzler made a motion to pass the budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura. Motion passed. Budget approved.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT (GIVEN BY ERICA GROSSBERG)**

Erica passed out thank you notes from the luncheon.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (GIVEN BY MRS. MILITA)**

Mrs. Milita welcomed all. Kids are doing well in classes. Teachers rep will rotate based on schedule. BTS is next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> please come get a lot of info from teachers. Teachers will post on website if you can't be there.

APR has had a facelift. It is quite bright and echoes. Room was renovated because of flooding, drains were put in. tiles to deaden the Stage was renovated. Hopefully we can use it now. Now we are very tight on space in central please work with us on logistics when

planning events. Can use APR for any meetings except during lunch. Recess committee- we have a problem with traffic and can't use the fields. Maybe we can use mechanical arm so we can cross. Children need more space and need to figure out how to use it best. Technology- We now have iPads and laptops for regular ed and special ed. Passionate learning takes you places is the theme for the year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**KDIS STUFF-** nancy not here

**NEWSLETTER-** Chris Gubitosi would like board to please give her bio. Please send me any info about your committee so I can put it in the newsletter. Please get things to me by this weekend. Chris would like to have a central PTO website, can have passed copies of newsletters, calendars, documents. Welcomes comments ideas

**FOOD DAYS-** Always looking for volunteers would love to add Thursday,

**BOX TOPS-** everybody got box tops, sheets. Go to website, log on school gets money. Called box tops marketplace

**TRUNK OR TREAT-** Big success last year. Hoping to make it even better this year.

**DIRECTORY-** putting it together now, working on getting ads, principal to pick the winners of the art contest.

**SOCIAL ACTION-** finishing up school supplies drive. Got an ok response. Will go to Somerset food bank and go to needy children. Still accepting donations. If you would like to join next meeting next Thursday at Nuray. Costume drive is next, and something to do for the troops. Would love to have as many people with good causes.

**CULTURAL ARTS-** planning some great assembly's.

**BRITE NITES** is going to be in October 28<sup>th</sup>. Set time for schools. Any volunteers would be appreciated.

Not having monthly PTO meetings anymore. Hoping to up communication with newsletters, we varied the meeting going forward with different times and days. If you can attend that would be great.

Items for action

New business

Class mom- should be finalized soon, no formal lunch for that anymore will be contacted by teachers to meet at a convenient time

for all. We will have a special thank you for HR moms at some other point.

Motion to adjourn by Laura, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Rubin. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Erica Grossberg PTO Secretary