

PTO Meeting Minutes November 17, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. In attendance were 7 PTO Officers, 3 Teachers, 4 parents and Ms. Dineen Gruchacz (Incoming Liberty Principal-as of Jan 3rd).

Motion to accept October minutes and Treasurer's reports-both accepted

Committee Positions still open: Beach Volleyball, PTO Website, cartridge recycle, Get Together (Liberty) and Kids Vote (Liberty)

Events started/completed since last meeting:

Trunk or Treat: very positive feedback from the families that attended. Approximately 38 families came out for the evening. There was a hot dog stand, snacks, drinks and a DJ for entertainment. There was a suggestion for next year to go to local businesses for donations and to do more advertising to get a higher attendance for this wonderful event.

Fall Fundraiser: was a HUGE success having 66 orders.

Spirit Wear Sale: also a great success, sold 200 items to be distributed first week of December

Central School Directory was distributed to all families-working on some improvements for next year, possibly doing one directory that would include the entire school district grades K-5.

Big Thank you to Ms. Palestri who will be writing a monthly news piece in the district newsletter about the PTO's events and contributions to our schools!

Upcoming Events:

Liberty Scholastic Book Fair-November 29th thru December 3rd, class schedules have been sent home. The Cub Scouts will host a game night December 2nd from 6:30 to 8PM while the book fair is open. Announcement/invitation to game night has been extended to both Liberty and Central families.

Sugar Plum/Holiday Bazaar will be December 13th-18th for students to holiday shop

One School One Book: Both schools will read the same book simultaneously. All students will be involved and grade appropriate lessons will be applied for their learning experience.

Author Day: looking into transferring money from assemblies to have author day at both schools and hoping to get the "one school one book" author.

Ongoing Events: Grocery Certificates, Market Day, Box Tops and other Labels. Thank you to all who support these events and keep it up!!

Merging of Liberty and Central PTO's:

*The bylaws have been combined and will be presented at the January 2011 Meeting for approval.

*The process for name change and tax ID will begin once the bylaws are approved.

The plan is to complete the name change after the treasurers books for 2010 have been closed. The name change will be official at the start of the 2011/2012 school year.

*Once the new name and tax ID are official we will merge the bank accounts, in the mean time we will function as if the accounts are one.

*The PTO Officers will review and define Officer responsibilities to meet the needs of the new combined PTO.

*The final step will be combining the website for both schools.

Open Discussion:

The new playground at Central School was vandalized. It was found to have graffiti and the slide was cut and damaged with a knife. The police are involved and the school is working on the clean up and repairs.

Mrs. Washburn received a complaint from a parent regarding Harvest Day at Central School. This is a teachers event not a PTO event. It is run by Mrs. Washburn of Central School for grades K-2. She has the full support of the PTO on making this a wonderful yearly event!

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM