

PTO Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2011

The September meeting began at 7:05 pm. Attending were 3 officers, 8 parents and 1 teacher/staff member.

Review of Minutes: Motion to accept May 2011 minutes: Passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion to accept 2010-2011 year-end Treasurer's report: Passed

2011-2012 Budget: Motion to accept budget: Passed.

Prior to passing the Budget, one of the Field Day Chairs, Alison Sullivan, advised that more money (approx. \$200 per school) is needed for Field Day food, unless Liberty School provides lunch that day. The PTO Vice President stated that we could re-visit that issue in a few months when the PTO knows better the total donations and how much the Fall Fundraiser earns. At a future meeting, the PTO can vote on a line item change to increase the Field Day budget if that is appropriate and passed by those in attendance.

PTO Officers

Returning:

Aimee Pfeiffer – Vice-President (Acting Co-President)
Jamie Cicerelle – Secretary (Acting Co-President)

Resigned:

Michelle Stalter, Peter Prymak, Hilary Jakub, Dawn Thomas, Mary Jo Howard

The PTO unanimously voted in Kris Freda as the new Treasurer

Officers needed: The President's position is open. OR Vice-President & Secretary

PTO Merger - We are officially one PTO, The *Great Meadows Regional School District Parent Teacher Organization*. We are incorporated as such and there is now one bank account. **All checks must now be made payable to "GMRSD PTO."**

New Communication Procedure

For anyone interested in sending out communications to potential volunteers, receiving communications about the PTO, being informed about upcoming events, or hearing about volunteering opportunities, email your name and email address to gmrspdpt@gmail.com.

Teacher/Staff Grants

The Teacher/Staff Grant procedure was explained. All of the forms and information regarding said grants are on the school website. No grants were requested at the meeting.

Committee Chairs –Contact Aimee Pfeiffer or any other member of the PTO if you are interested in being involved in any way with the PTO. There are still several open Chairs available as follows:

1. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) – The new Liberty Principal, Julianne Kotcho requested the PTO to create the Parent Advisory Council, comprised of 2 parents from each grade, 3rd -5th, to be liaisons between the school and the parents. The PAC will meet once per

month during school hours. The PTO will ask Mr. Batha if he is interested in participating in the PAC with Central School.

2. Game Night
3. Ice Cream Social
4. Movie Night
5. Sugar Plum (Holiday Shoppe)* – Liberty – this is important to fill very soon, as it takes place in early December.
6. Tricky Tray – this is a big fundraiser. It would be great to have a Tricky Tray in the spring.

Vice President, Aimee Pfeiffer, advised that the PTO would send out a list of upcoming PTO events.

Completed Events:

- Central Book Fair (BOGO)
- Field Day
- 5th Grade Send-Off
- Community Day

All events went extremely well! A huge thank you to the Chairs and all who volunteer for each of these successful events!

Upcoming Events:

- Assemblies – first assembly is in October – a presentation of Wicked.
- Back to School Night – Central (9/22) & Liberty (9/27)
- Liberty & Central (combined) Student Directory & Directory Cover Contest – all forms due by 9/16/11
- BoxTops Contest – ends 9/30/11
- Sale of Entertainment/Kids Stuff Books – due date is 9/30/11
- Fall Fundraiser – selling fashionable reusable bags – flyer needs to go out by 10/3/11. The PTO receives 50% of the profit. There will be a pizza party for top selling class.
- Grocery Certificates - Ongoing throughout the school year – available Shoprite, Weis & Kohl's cards.
- Market Day – Ongoing throughout the school year.
- Scholastic Book Fairs - Central (week of 11/7) & Liberty (week of 11/28)

Open Discussion:

- Cheryl Wilson, Liberty School Nurse, advised that teachers/staff at Liberty applied for a grant which they can use to hold a Slumber Party event during the year. She'll advise when she knows if they received it.
- The PTO is looking at participating in Dine Around Town where 10% of all sales go to the PTO. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
- A parent mentioned fundraisers available through McDonald's such as free Ronald McDonald Shows, Faces of Black History event, as well as the fact that they will donate things such as juice & water.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next public meeting is October 12, 2011.