

## CHARLES CAMPAGNE PTA

Minutes of General Meeting

October 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm. The June minutes were approved by Yolanda Coveney and Kimberly Johnneas.

Michele introduced our teacher representatives: Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Tarkin.

**Teachers Report-** Mrs. Kelly reported:

- **Library-**The third grade classes are continuing to learn about butterflies and raised \$40.00 for the butterfly sanctuary.
- **Kindergarten-** Mrs. Bedney's and Ms. Butler's class went to the Bethpage Public Library today and received their library cards. Ms. McCann's class will go on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **First Grade-** We are starting our foundations program and completing our Halloween projects. We are finishing our author study of Eric Carle. We will also be going to the library as well. Two classes will be going on Monday, October 19, and two classes will go on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The reading logs began this month. The students need to read for 22 days out of the month and then each month the amount of days increases.

**Mrs. Tarkin reported:**

- **Second Grade-** We are discussing fire safety and working on our fall stories. We are learning about sign language through one of the stories in our reader. Mrs. Ceccoli actually worked with us and taught us some sign language, which was really nice of her. We are just finishing up our D.R.A. administration for our guided reading program.
- **Third Grade-** On November 24<sup>th</sup>, the students have a read to achieve at the high school. Today, October 13, they met with the Plainview/Bethpage Rotary club and they gave each student a student dictionary.
- **Fourth Grade-** Students are taking a trip on October 29<sup>th</sup>, to the Smithtown Historical Association. There the students will learn what life was like in Colonial America. The students are also studying magnets and doing scientific experiments with them.
- **Fifth Grade-** The students are preparing for the state's Social Studies test. Part 1 will be administered on November 16<sup>th</sup> and part 2 will be taken on November 17<sup>th</sup>. They are taking practice tests in October.

**Mrs. Kelly reported:** Mrs. Cintado conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the magnetic white board in the kitchen. The board displays different magnets for the foods they can choose and the different choices for the day and the next day as well. Students need visual aides as well. This should help to make healthy choices.

**Audit-**Books are finally completed.

**The 2009/2010 PTA budget approved by:** Trish Donohue and Mary Cavaciuti

**Treasurer's Report-**For September, our opening balance was \$4,127.81. We had a total income of \$2,776.05. We had total expenses of \$369.87. Our closing balance is \$6,533.99 and we had \$.10 of interest on our savings account and we have a balance of \$3,292.98. Any one sending in receipts for reimbursement, photo copy the receipts and separate each receipt according to the event that it is for. It makes it easier to audit the books that way.

**Mrs. Cintado-**reported that today was quite exciting. The children were happy with the magnetic board. There were discussions with the children about what foods make a complete meal. The board will help the children to make a choice for the next day as well. Astronomy night is October 23, at the Bethpage High School. There will be 7 different workshops and different activities for the children. You can register on [www.bethpagecommunity.com/astronomy/](http://www.bethpagecommunity.com/astronomy/).

**Correspondence-**Thank you cards received and read. Mrs. Schmidt thanked the CCS PTA for the lovely brunch. Mrs. Cintado thanked the CCS PTA for the coupon book.

**Announcements-**To all our committee members, we put an updated chairperson liaison list as well as the committee members list in your mailboxes. This information will also be found in your directory when you get them. The other lists in your mailboxes contain lists of existing supplies from previous years. You may borrow any items from other committees for your use. You would need to call the liaison for that committee you choose to borrow items from.

The Halloween "Safe" District wide party will be at the Bethpage high school on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 6pm-8pm. Tickets are \$4.00 per child, ages 3-11. Adults and children under 3 are free. 23 groups are taking rooms. Different rooms for different ages. Tickets will be pre-sold and can also be purchased at the high school. We will be taken pictures from a Polaroid camera for the children and that will be our contribution to the party. The Polaroid film will be purchase from our Halloween budget.

#### **Standing Committees:**

**Beautification-** The committee bought some items from the fall plant sale to decorate the school garden. Thank you for your support. The school yard looks very festive.

**Board of Ed Delegates-**Reported on the Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning, The Bethpage Faculty Dream Team, Bethpage Day, the Homecoming Parade, The Swine Flu Virus, the Heroin Summit, The changes to the high school swimming pool, the District Wide Halloween Party and lastly, TGIF @Bethpage HS. For a complete report of this meeting, please visit the Bethpage Board of Education Website meeting archives at <http://www.bethpagecommunity.com/school/boe.htm>.

**Community Council-**No report/ there hasn't been any meetings yet.

**Compact for Learning-**In October, grades K-2 were tested in reading to determine where their reading instruction should begin. For grades K-5, the school has adopted, a Character Education Program called **Second Step**. This includes special kits for each grade. Each kit includes teaching and learning aides to help develop Character Education. The AIS program begins the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>. Book Character Dress Up Day is October 30<sup>th</sup>. All the teachers have received OT training to help aide their students in strengthening their motor skills. Teachers will also be receiving training in November in the new Macmillan Math series.

**PTA Council Delegates-**Mr. Clark mentioned that there will be "no perfect" attendance award this year, due to the H1N1 virus.

**Cultural Arts-** The school district is scheduling the event for all the elementary schools and we have the luxury of picking out the holiday show so we will let you know what we chose.

**Drug Awareness-**The theme will be "Peace Out" to drugs. The week is planned out to be kid friendly and should be educational and fun. There will be information sent home in the backpacks. the dates are October 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

**Historian-**On September 24<sup>th</sup>, pictures were taken during school picture day and are currently hanging in the hallway. I am looking forward to taking pictures of the Halloween Class Pictures and at Character Dress-up Day. Please let me know of any upcoming events.

**Hospitality-**The PTA holiday dinner will be on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm at Tesoro's in Westbury. The price is \$38.00 which includes tax and tip.

**Membership-**As of today, we have 271 members. We have 328 families. Will send another list serve. You need to be a member if you are on a committee or a room representative.

**Newsletter**-The school has decided last year that we would dissolve the news letter since information can be found on list serve and the district send out their own letters with information We may do something twice a year but we are currently not putting out a newsletter monthly.

**Room Representatives**- sent letters to every parent regarding the class funds. \$20.00 for kindergarten and \$15.00 for grades 1-5. The funds cover the parties and the teacher gifts for the holidays and for teacher appreciation.

**SEPTA**-Another new director for the Special Ed. department and hopefully things will start to run smoothly, finally. We have blancos to sell at Homecoming. They are a waterproof pancho/blanket. They cost \$35.00. Come and support SEPTA. Are membership is 68, currently. Please note, SEPTA is also for kids not only with IEP's & 504's, but for Challenger and Satellite as well.

**Author's Books**-Will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Back To School Bake Sale**-We made \$334.00 that night. Thank you for all who contributed and purchased.

**Blood Drive**- Will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Book Fair**-Will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Box Tops**-The deadline is October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please get them out. It is free money for our school.

**Bulletin Board**-Looks beautiful, thank you.

**Character Ed.**-Was tied into the newsletter that has be dissolved for now.

**Community Service**-The following "drives" have been agreed upon for the 2009/2010 school year. Coat Drive-December and a Toy Drive, also in December. A Food Pantry for March and a School Supply Drive for early in June. We are also planning a pajama drive for children in shelters and foster programs that have never owned their own pajamas. The date of this program is still being discussed and we are thinking either November or the beginning of 2010.

**Family Bingo**-Will be on March 26, 2010. We are asking for donations of new little prize toys. McDonald happy meal toys are good.

**Family Fun Night**-Will be held on January 24, 2010. Will be on a Sunday, which will be a night of bowling.

**Father's Day Boutique**-Will be held on June 11, 2010.

**Field Day**- No report.

**Fifth Grade Luncheon, Yearbook/Pens**- Deadline for paperwork is due on October 14. Please sign the form that allows your child to be in the yearbook and may have pictures taken of your child for the yearbook. This is extremely important. The more yearbooks ordered the cheaper the book will be.

**Fifth Grade Party & T-Shirts**-The t-shirts have been designed and will be handed out on picture re-take day, which is on October 29<sup>th</sup>. They will be given out by the teachers to ensure that no one forgets to wear them on that day. The class photo will be taken on that day.

**Fundraising**- It is always optional and you never have to feel obligated to purchase the fundraiser but the money does go back to your children. We are trying to use items that the kids really like. All children will have the same amount of pictures in the yearbook whether they are a new student or not.

**Holiday Boutique-** Everything is all set and ordered and will be held on December 10, 2009. We will stay open until 4:30pm for any parent who wishes to shop or “exchange” a purchase.

**Lip Sync-** No report.

**Mom’s & Dad’s for Music-**No report.

**Reflections-**The topic this year is “Beauty Is...” a flyer went out in the backpacks last Friday.

**School Pictures-**Re-takes are October 29<sup>th</sup> and reminders will go out.

**Wrapping Paper-** No report.

**Old Business-**None

**New Business-**Mrs. Cintado picked 3 numbers for the raffle we presented tonight. All checks need to be made out to Charles Campagne PTA for anything you are writing a check for. The bank will not accept the check any other way. Thank you.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:56pm-**Respectfully submitted: Christine Woods, Recording Secretary