



### **March 3, 2010 CBS PTA General Meeting**

Sixteen Members Present

A meeting of the Central Blvd. PTA was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the All Purpose Room. President Karen Fikar called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. The minutes of the February meeting were submitted and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE- The PTA received thank you notes from Mrs. Schreiber, Mrs. Landau and Mr. Furrey for the guest author Chris Soenpiet and his books. Mr. Furrey also thanked the Guest Author committee for the lunch that was provided for him and Mr. Soenpiet. Mr. Furrey also thanked the PTA committee for the jobs well done at Lip Sync and the Book Fair.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-**

- Tuesday, March 2, 2010 is Dr. Seuss Day. Each student wore red, white and black to celebrate the day. On this day, the children participated in Read Across America. Twelve teachers put together a committee for this event. The lower grades were paired with the upper grades. The students had a 1 ½ hour lunch and watched Dr. Seuss tapes. The children really seemed to enjoy themselves.
- St. Jude's Mathathon- each child will receive a booklet(if requested) and they will raise money for St. Jude's by completing the booklet and getting sponsors.
- Spirit Day- Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The fourth grade, district wide, will be attending the Long Island Philharmonic.
- Fifth Grade Fitness Demo- Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Earth Balloon will be coming for the fourth and fifth grade students.
- The third graders will participate in Star Lab.
- The students will now have school on March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> due to the snow days.
- The state testing will be scored by an outside agency.

#### **TEACHER'S REPORT- NO REPORT**

MEMBERSHIP- We already have 344 paid members. 278 of those members are the family members.

FIELD DAY- The committee was looking into t-shirts that would cost \$4. They would like the PTA members to vote on this and ask the students to contribute \$1 for their t-shirt. The committee is also looking into how much just solid color shirts would cost, as well. They would like to do brown bag lunches again. The committee also wanted to provide ice's for the children as a dessert. They will also look into to getting water from BJ's because you get \$5 when you return the water bottles.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION- We received 6,000 Box Tops and we will receive \$600 from them. Keep clipping!!

YEARBOOK- Three quarters of the book is completed and the first half was sent to be published.

BOARD OF ED REPORT- There was a presentation by the ACE High School program. The students are involved in a work program with Fridays, Old Navy, Dunkin' Donuts and Erga. They are looking into making it a 12 month program for next year. They are hoping to do a "buddy" program buddying up with a 5<sup>th</sup> grader from the self contained classrooms. The program is working towards bringing all of our out of district students back to district.

CBS showed a video of one of the self contained classrooms and spoke about what they do and some of their changes. Next year CBS will have a Grade 4/5 self contained classroom.

Several representatives are going to Texas for a conference follow up on a national magazine article regarding the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program. Several St. John's students are doing their dissertation on the top 5 school districts and Bethpage is part of this due to its participation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program. There is some talk of having some 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs available to 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

March 7<sup>th</sup> is the swim-a-thon at BHS.

April 30<sup>th</sup> is "Dancing with the Teachers." Ten teachers will be participating.

Phase II of the construction will be starting. The bleachers will be demolished and replaced. There will be 750 seats in the visitor section and 1500 in the home section. A new press box will be put in. A new concession stand with restrooms will also be put in.

Graduation is planned for the evening of June 25<sup>th</sup>, under the lights. Supervisor Venditto will be the guest speaker.

BHS gym is in the running to be in the new Paul Giamatti film. If we win, filming will take place over the March break.

There was another heroin arrest in our district. The last three were on Hempstead Tpke, Stewart Ave and Stymus Ave. So far, none of these arrests involved minors. All were arrested for possession and/or intent to sell.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is registration for voting from 10am to 1pm in the Administration building.

May 5<sup>th</sup> is also registration from 1-8pm at BHS.

May 11<sup>th</sup> is the Budget hearing.

May 18<sup>th</sup> is the Budget vote.

The next Board meeting will take place on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at CBS.

PTA Council- Next meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup>.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class- The shirts are in and they are navy blue with an eagle carrying a treasure map. All of the children's names are listed on the back in the number 10.

SEPTA- The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at JFK. Family Game Night will take place on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and it is \$5 a family. The Cody Center is coming Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss "Adolescent Sexuality with Autistic Children. On May 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTA will host its annual Celebrate Reading Day at CBS.

LIPSYNC- The committee thanked Mr. Furrey for the practice schedule and noted they made a nice profit. They felt the children did very well, despite not having a dress rehearsal. Children had a great time and it was a wonderful show.

EAGLE EYE- They are putting together an on-line publication and the deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

PARP- The decorations in the lobby look wonderful.

- March 11<sup>th</sup> is Community Reader Day.
- The contest is: Guess how many straws there are?
- During this month, books that are brought in are being donated to South Bay Elementary School in West Islip.
- Final Day of PARP is March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Principal's Challenge- Children must read 750 minutes to meet this challenge.
- There will be a 50's theme dress up day on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Each child will receive a book.
- Please send in your tally sheets every Monday. Each class' minutes will be posted on a plate in the lobby. The records will show who is in the lead.

PLANT SALE- Pick up for pre-orders will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup> on the side of the building. Volunteers are needed in the morning to get the flowers off the truck at 7am. The plant sale for the children will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE- One needs to be formed. Two members from the Executive Committee, two from General Membership. Must meet: propose slate of officers for April Meeting. Vote on new slate of officers will take place at May, 2010 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS- *PRETZEL Day-* Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

*SPRING PICTURES-* April 7<sup>th</sup>. Letters will go home shortly.

*NUTRITION MEETING-* May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

*CBS BLOOD DRIVE-* April 21<sup>st</sup>. Nancy O'Neill is our team coordinator. She will need volunteers to help. Please consider giving your time if you can't donate blood! Last year was our first year holding a building blood drive. We were very successful. Please spread the word to your friends, family, and neighbors about this upcoming drive.

OLD BUSINESS- *JUMP ROPE FOR HEART-* February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*BOOK FAIR-* Big success, family night was a hit!

*WEB SITE* design by award winning student technical team at BHS. We are meeting next week to revamp entire site to make it more interactive. Our ideas were submitted to the tech team. They are currently working on a template for us.

*CBS PTA is now on FACEBOOK.* You can join the CBS Facebook page by typing in Central Blvd PTA into the Facebook search feature and join. You need not be friends with anyone else on Facebook to link onto page.

The next meeting will take place on April 7, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin O'Callaghan  
Recording Secretary