

April 7, 2010 CBS PTA General Meeting

Quorum Present

A meeting of the Central Blvd. PTA was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the All Purpose Room. President Karen Fikar called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. The minutes of the March meeting were submitted and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted for audit.

Mr. Braglia and Mrs. Agovino were there to thank the CBS PTA for the vegetables they received to have the children participate in trying different vegetables. They would like to present the data to the parents and are working on it at this time. They always try to promote healthy eating and this helped bring their message home. The CBS PTA would like to make this an official committee for next year.

CORRESPONDENCE- The PTA received a thank you note from South Bay School in West Babylon. They said our donations of books will make their new beginning much easier.

The PTA also received a thank you from Mr. Furrey about the PARP program. He wanted to thank the committee for providing refreshments to the Guest Readers.

Mr. Furrey also thanked the PTA, on behalf of the fifth graders, for their t-shirts they were provided to wear at the annual Fifth Grade PE Demonstration.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-

- Mr. Furrey thanked the PTA for the vegetables for the Veggie Challenge.
- Mr. Furrey noted the unusually warm weather we are having and that the children still need to focus on school. The students are not allowed to wear flip-flops because it is a safety issue.
- Spirit Day- Friday, April 9th.
- Student Arrival- If the children are going to arrive at school early for extra help with a teacher or a group music rehearsal, they must arrive between 7:45am-8:05am. These activities start at 7:55am. Anytime after 8:05am they are considered late. If children are continually late for Music, they may not be able to participate. It is not fair to children who are on time and it can be disruptive to everyone.
- Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Friday, April 16th.
- State Assessments- ELA's
 - Monday, April 26th-4th and 5th
 - Tuesday, April 27th-3rd, 4th and 5th
 - Wednesday, April 28th-3rd and 4th

MATH

Wednesday, May 5th-3rd and 4th
Thursday, May 6th-3rd, 4th and 5th

Friday, May 7th-4th and 5th

Third and Fourth grade tests will be sent out to be scored and less teachers will need to be pulled out the classrooms.

- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, April 29th in the evening. Parents will be invited for a conference or they can request a conference. There is not enough time for teachers to meet with the parents of every child in their classes.
- The third quarter ends on Thursday, April 22nd. Report cards will be mailed home on Monday, May 3rd.
- Concert dates have been pushed back from the usual dates due to State Assessments. The dates are correct on the calendar. Invitations to parents noting the groups performing will be sent home earlier than usual.
- The Theater Club is doing the play, "Willy Wonka." Theater Club consists of fifth graders. Performances will be on Wednesday, April 20th in the evening for their parents and in school on Wednesday, April 20th for grades K,2 and 4 and on Thursday, April 21st for grades 1,3 and 5.

TEACHER'S REPORT- NO REPORT

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

YEARBOOK- The committee did a pirate theme and the yearbook is completed. The yearbook will be delivered May 31st.

FIELD DAY- A vote was taken to increase the budget by \$1200 for Field Day and 17 members voted yes and 4 members voted no. This budget increase allows the committee to buy every child a t-shirt in blue or gold for Field Day.

5th GRADE COMMITTEE- The moving up ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 24th, along with the ice cream social that evening.

SPIRIT DAY- Spirit Day will take place on Friday, April 9th.

BOARD OF ED REPORT- The Board of Ed meeting took place at CBS on March 23rd. The Theater Club performed a preview of "Willy Wonka" and the math department presented as well.

PTA Council- Next meeting will be April 14th.

SEPTA- Game Night will be held on Friday, April 9th at JFK. 100 children are expected. SEPTA will be hosting Party 101, where juniors and seniors take 8th graders and teach them proper etiquette. They will be having a Mother's Day Plant Sale on May 7th. On May 19th, they will be having a Celebrate Reading Day at 10:30 am. The last SEPTA meeting will take place on May 27th.

EAGLE EYE- This will be put on line to read and being published as we speak. The Kachadourians did all by hand before this, so it will be linked to listserv and the CBS PTA web site.

PARP- PARP was a great success. Mrs. Holt had the winning class and won a pizza party. Thirty-five students met the principal's challenge and received a certificate from Mr. Furrey. The third grade class won for the whole school.

PLANT SALE- There were \$7,000 in pre sales. Pick up for pre-orders will take place on May 3rd 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 4th and May 5th.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE- Everything is starting to bloom outside the school. Donations are still being accepted. Mrs. Fikar donated 6 tubs of perennials.

BLOOD DRIVE- Take place on Wednesday, April 21st from 3-9pm. Volunteers are needed.

NEW BUSINESS-

DISTRICT NUTRITION MEETING- May 4th at 2pm

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION- April 16th. Please note the date change, it was originally on the calendar for April 23rd.

SCHOLARSHIP READING DAY- April 30th. We select the four scholarship recipients of graduating seniors who attended CBS.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE- still holding steady at 1.878% which is one of the lowest in Nassau County. On May 3rd, the district will present the budget to all of our PTAs. We need a quorum of 10 people present to support the budget. It's an interesting look at operations if you have never been part of this experience! Please consider coming out for this short presentation. It will be held at the Little Theater in BHS.

DONATE OLD ITEMS- CBS is holding another clothing/used items drive on May 22nd. We will get \$.13 a pound. Clothing, toys and household items are accepted, but please no books.

BOOK FAIR- May 20th. Buy one get one free.

OLD BUSINESS-

PICTURE DAY- Took place on April 7th. There was a mix up and the company changed us to prepaying for pictures.

VEGGIE CHALLENGE- It was a great success. We will look to incorporate this as a permanent activity and committee next year. Thank you to Mr. Braglia and Mrs. Agovino for working with us on this!

The next meeting will take place on May 12, 2010 at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin O'Callaghan
Recording Secretary