

## May 12, 2010 CBS PTA General Meeting

### Quorum Present

A meeting of the Central Blvd. PTA was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 9:30 am in the All Purpose Room. President Karen Fikar called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. The minutes of the April meeting were submitted and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE- Mrs. Cordiner and every child in her class wrote a thank you to the PTA for receiving the pizza party for having 100% PTA membership.

The PTA also received a thank you from Mr. Furrey for their support in the "Veggie Challenge." He appreciated all of the prep, time and effort that PTA put forth in helping with this challenge. He hopes this continues in the future.

Mr. Furrey also thanked the Plant Sale Committee and the PTA for the drink and snack for this year's Kindergarten Orientation.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-

- The ELA and Math Assessments have been completed. Make-up tests in Math will be completed by Friday.
- SED mandated field testing is going on this week (May 12-14). There are many versions of the test at each grade level; grades 3-5. There is a great deal of preparation and organization of the materials. All copies of the tests must be signed out and returned by the teachers. Mr. Clark believes that it is important for our district to participate in field testing questions for future assessments.
- Spring Concert-Part I will take place tonight, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Select Chorus, Chamber Orchestra and the Junior Chorus / Recorder Club will perform.
- Chamber Orchestra and Select Chorus are competing in NYSSMA Majors. They will be judged and evaluated to determine if they will be awarded a medal.
- Spring Concert-Part II, will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Chorus, Band and Orchestra will perform, as well as the Chamber Orchestra and Select Chorus.
- Fifth Grade- Battle To See Which Class Rules  
Bethpage High School's C.O.R.E. Program invited the fifth grades in the district (10 classes) to compete in a variety of activities. It will take place on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-8pm. All proceeds will be used to renovate the playrooms in the Pediatric Unit at the Nassau University Medical Center.
- May 24-Grade 4 Science Assessment-Performance Section
- May 28<sup>th</sup>- School is open
- June 4<sup>th</sup>-Field Day
- June 7<sup>th</sup>-Grade 4 Science Assessment-Objective Questions
- A representative from the East Meadow school district was at the Board of Education meeting in January during which Mrs. Torti

(Kindergarten) and Mrs. Rothberg (Grade 1) were giving a presentation on Foundations. Their district is planning to implement the Foundations Program which is used in Bethpage and they are coming to observe CBS teachers in grades K and 1 present lessons in class on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Question from the floor- Can something be done about the restrictions on the playground? They don't think it's fair. Mr. Furrey said that school is not a public place, therefore doesn't need to be open to everyone. The childcare program is from 3-6pm and they need to use the playground in the nice weather. The Discovery program has a permit to use the facilities. The children's safety is the number one priority. Contact Mr. Clark if you have any questions.
- Question from the floor- Children with special dietary needs would like to buy lunch too, parent is aware of company that can provide the school with those types of food. Would CBS be interested? Mr. Furrey stated that the district does have a contract with Aramark for all its food services at this time. Mr. Furrey referred the parent to the Assistant Superintendent for Business; Mr. Marchesiello. There will be a District Nutrition Meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

#### TEACHER'S REPORT- NO REPORT

YEARBOOK- The yearbook is done and is coming in soon.

FIELD DAY- The form went out and should be filled out by each parent and sent back in by Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. If a parent does not send in the form, the committee will pick a size for your child. The rain date cannot be held because of the state testing.

5<sup>th</sup> GRADE COMMITTEE- They are working on the Ice Cream Social. They were wondering if anyone can blow up balloons for the event and someone suggested the Bethpage Florist.

SPIRIT WEAR- They will be selling at the Spring Concerts, Budget votes and Spring Cleanup.

PTA Council- New Slate of Officers announced: Liz Cotton(President), Lena Ritchie(Vice-President), Carmela D'Ambrosio(Treasurer), Linda Mangano(Recording Secretary), Lisa Mastunduno(Corresponding Secretary). They will be sworn in at the PTA dinner on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Woodlands.

SEPTA- Celebrate Reading Day will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. They will donate a book to each library in the School District related to a special education topic. The next meeting will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup> at JFK.

PARP- Two classes had full participation, Mrs. Cordiner and Mrs. Ghissone. Each class will receive a snack of mini bagels and apple juice. CBS had the highest participation out of all the elementary schools.

PLANT SALE- CBS profited \$1,350 from the plant sale. The day went well with the exception of the rain.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE- They received donations of Montauk daisies, bushes and black eyed susans. They are looking for perennials. They sent out a letter to Lowe's about a tree and are waiting to hear back.

BLOOD DRIVE- It was held on April 21<sup>st</sup> and we collected 51 pints.

BOOK FAIR- Buy one; get one free on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS-

*DISTRICT NUTRITION MEETING*- May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

*SUMMER READING BOOKS*- The PTA will be purchasing Summer Reading books. We have priced out books with three companies for the best price. Looking to obtain our titles for K-2 through Scholastic Book Fair Credits.

*SPRING CLEAN UP*- Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9am-2:30pm. Flyer will come home as a reminder.

*PRETZEL DAY*- May 19<sup>th</sup>.

*UPCOMING SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND BOE VOTE*- May 18<sup>th</sup> at BHS. Please come and vote! All district PTAs voted to pass the budget on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for joining the quorum that evening. Mrs. Cordiner's class will perform the night of the budget vote.

*PTA DINNER*- June 7<sup>th</sup> at The Woodlands. The cost is \$40 per person. Great evening! Mini Chinese Auction will be held. Please contact Karen Fikar immediately if you are interested in attending.

*SENIOR AWARDS*- CBS will be awarding their scholarships at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

*ART EXHIBIT*- May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm.

*FATHER'S DAY BOUTIQUE*- see Agnesa Downes to volunteer. Set up will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> and the sale will take place on June 15-16<sup>th</sup>. June 17<sup>th</sup> will be pack up day and to sell to any children who may have forgotten the other days.

OLD BUSINESS-

*KINDERGARTEN ORIENTAION*- Took place on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to the committee and the Kindergarten teachers. What a great morning!

The next meeting will take place on June 2, 2010 at 7:30pm. Please join us! It will be our last one this school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin O'Callaghan  
Recording Secretary