



## September 16, 2009 CBS PTA General Meeting

### Quorum/Present

A meeting of the Central Blvd. PTA was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 9:30 am in the All Purpose Room. President Karen Fikar called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. The minutes of the June meeting were submitted and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE- A letter was received from Mr. Furrey welcoming Karen Fikar and thanking her for putting together the folders and for the faculty breakfast. In addition, many teachers wrote letters to the PTA thanking for them for the faculty breakfast. We also received letters from the High School award recipients. Finally, Mr. Marsh wrote a thank you for the Nikon camera he had received for his retirement from the CBS PTA.



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-

- Mr. Furrey began by welcoming everyone back to school.
- Mr. Furrey reported that we had a great opening to the school year.
- Mr. Furrey commented that he always gets asked if there is a better way to handle dismissal but because of the logistics of the building this is the only way.
- Mr. Furrey urged all parents of children who receive bus passes to please use the bus because this will ease traffic and congestion at the school. The new change in mileage for those children from K-5 has been helpful to many parents.
- Mr. Furrey announced the new staff at CBS. We now have two ESL teachers on staff in the Bethpage School District. We will no longer be using someone from BOCES. Mrs. Laura Miniero is the ESL teacher for CBS and she also works at CC as well. Mrs. Muller is from KL and is new to CBS. She is teaching the new 2/3 self-contained class. Ms. Tara McCarthy and Ms. Nicole DiBiase are new teacher assistants.
- Mr. Furrey reviewed the new procedures for the parking lot. The numbered spaces are reserved for the faculty. There will also be signs for visitor parking and new reserved parking signs.
- "Meet the Teacher Night" is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009 from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. A letter went home regarding the schedule of events.

- Mr. Furrey noted the District Calendar may be changed because of the state tests. He will notify all parents of the changes and when the testing is taking place.
- Questions from the floor: What is the district policy going to be about the swine flu? Mr. Furrey reminded everyone that Mr. Clark sent out a mailing all about the swine flu, with the procedures and policies. Mr. Furrey summed it up by urging good hygiene and keeping your children home 24 hours after your child's fever breaks.
- Question from the floor: Will there be a second day for the winter concert? Mr. Furrey said there will not be a second day added and said that the third grade instruments may not be participating.
- Mr. Furrey noted that there will be a change in the district's music program. The instruction of the strings will be taught using the Suzuki method. This will impact the readiness for performing and the concert schedules.

TEACHER'S REPORT- Mrs. Cataldi thanked the PTA for the breakfast and for providing all the necessary copies to all the teachers about any upcoming events or announcements.

COMMITTEE MEMBER KICKOFF MEETING- It was held on Friday, September 11, 2009. There are still openings for the following committees: Reflections, Drug Awareness, Hospitality, and PTA Council Delegate. Karen urged the members to come see her after the meeting to see if they would be interested in joining one of these committees.

MEMBERSHIP- The theme is "Don't Fall Through the Cracks." We already have 194 paid members.

FUNDRAISING- "Yankee Candle" sale is under way and is due September 25<sup>th</sup>. CBS gets 40% of the sales income.

"Fall Plant Sale" is also underway. The bean baskets were beautiful last year and we have added hay bales and cornstalks this year.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION- Vice President-Joan Santoro urged everyone to buy products with box tops. CBS receives \$.10 a box top. Box Tops are due October 14, 2009. The top three collectors receive Target gift cards.

STOP-N-SHOP- CBS is going to register our school and we will receive rewards every time you shop there from 10/9/09-3/9/10.

BJ'S WHOLESALE- We are receiving a check and a one year business membership which will allow us tax exempt status.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION- Karen reminded the parents that we can also benefit from these labels as well.

CLASS PARENT REPS- The lottery will be taking place and the parents will know on Friday, September 18, 2009. The class parent tea will be held on Friday, September 25, 2009.

YEARBOOK- The committee has met about the yearbook and will be sending out a flyer to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade requesting pictures and quotes. The committee will request a \$10 deposit from each student for the yearbook.

SPIRIT WEAR- The committee is looking into changing the logo and to different companies to defer costs. As soon as they come up with the new logo they will put it up on the website and start selling the clothing. Someone suggested that they just put Bethpage on the clothing instead of CBS but Karen felt that might not be possible because that is what the High School uses and puts on their clothing items. Karen will check with the High School.

“Spirit Day”- every first Friday of the month. The children and staff are asked to wear blue and gold.

SEPTA- The first meeting is October 1, 2009 at 7 pm.

NEW BUSINESS-

The new football field and track is open at BHS. First game was played against South Side.

*Back to School Night* is September 17, 2009 at 7pm. Look for PTA Membership.

*New Parent Orientation* is on September 23, 2009 at 7pm.

*BHS Homecoming* is on October 3, 2009. This coincides with the Tara Costa 5k Wellness and Fitness Fair.

PTA Presidents need volunteers to sell Spirit Wear on Back to School Night on September 24, 2009 at JFK at 7pm.

PTA is looking to form a Holiday Boutique and Chinese Auction on site. Karen asked for help with these committees.

The next PTA meeting will be October 7, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the All Purpose Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin O’Callaghan  
Recording Secretary