



**PTO Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2016**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**In attendance:** Darcy Carn, Jill Long, Alex Gallant, Lisa Wood, Amy Medina, Shannon Seyda, Britt Donohoe, Kathy Powers, George Villar, Dr. Acevedo

**The minutes from April 20, 2016 meeting were approved.**

**Financial Report**

Alex reviewed the financial report.  
The 2016-7 budget is being worked on.  
Account balances as of May 18, 2016

Assets

Bingo	\$ 34,437.08
Central School Funds	\$ 1,139.62
Checking Account (MSB)	37,800.53
Dedicated Fund	38,761.28
Recreation Fund - Savings	504.67
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$112,643.18</b>

Liabilities:

CS Party Dues	\$ 1,139.56
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,139.56</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,503.62</b>

**Presidents' Report**

Darcy reported that the PTO End of the Year dinner will be on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Chimney Rock Inn. She commented that fundraising has decreased and asked for suggestions of how to get more families involved. The PTO is always open to new ideas and new faces. Finally, the PTO is looking for a Co-president. Please contact Darcy if you are interested.

**Fundraising Report**

Shannon reported on the Super 50/50 raffle fundraiser. Over \$2,000 in tickets have been sold so far. There are tickets still available. The winning raffle tickets will be picked on the last day of school. The timing of the fundraiser was discussed. Shannon also shared that the Virginia Doran Summer Reading Program will be taking place in all three schools this summer.

**Secretary's Report**

Lisa read thank you cards that were received from:

- Ms. Paugh, Central School Librarian, who thanked the PTO for sponsoring the Author Visit by Gordon Korman. She commented that Mr. Korman "explained how a middle school writing project evolved into his first novel, published when he was high school freshman." She also was very grateful of Melissa Azarian's and Chun Chan's assistance and organization.
- Mr. Golub, Millington School, who was very appreciative of the BabiesRUs gift card.
- The Millington School Staff who love the new binding machine.

- The seventh grade teachers, who thanked Angela Cuonzo, Janet Spinelli, and the rest of the parent volunteers, for all their hard work and dedication in making Victorian Day such a success. “The school was transformed into a Victorian Wonderland by PTO volunteers for our seventh grade students who enjoyed food, entertainment, decorations, and activities which enhanced their knowledge and appreciation of the era.”
- The seventh grade students, who expressed their appreciation for a wonderful Victorian Day.
- The Kindergarten teachers and aides of Gillette School who were very thankful of the delicious and festive Staff Appreciation Luncheon.
- Individual cards in regard to the Staff Appreciation Luncheons were also received from Danielle Bauer, Bonnie Plotkin, Cynthia Coster, Karen Burgerhoff, Mary Jean Snow, Colleen Clifford, and Shelia Connelly. Comments included “delicious food”, “reflected a great deal of thought and caring,” “made us feel special,” “the international fare created an Olympic eruption in my mouth,” “loved my medal – and so did my students.”

### **School Representatives’ Report**

Amy shared the events at Central School

May	20	Chorus and Band trip to Six Flags Great Adventure
	24	Choral/Band Concert 7pm
	25	NJASK Science test for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
	26	Choral/Band daytime concert
June	2	5 <sup>th</sup> grade parent orientation 7pm
	2	5 <sup>th</sup> graders visit Central School
	7	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. trip meeting 2pm
	10	Medieval Day for 6 <sup>th</sup> graders sponsored by the PTO
	9-10	8 <sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C.
	13-15	Poet in Residence for 6 <sup>th</sup> graders sponsored by the PTO
	16	8 <sup>th</sup> grade dance at The Primavera
	17	8 <sup>th</sup> grade breakfast 9am
	22	All School Picnic & Clap Out sponsored by the PTO
	22	Graduation 7pm

Lisa shared the events of Millington School

May	18	4 <sup>th</sup> grade trip to Trenton
	24	Colonial Day for 5 <sup>th</sup> graders sponsored by the PTO
	26	Spirit Day – “Red, White, Blue”
June	1	NJASK Make ups 4 <sup>th</sup> grade science
	2	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade trip to Liberty Science Center
	3	Field Day (rain date 6/10)
	6	Science Fair for 4 <sup>th</sup> graders sponsored by the PTO
	7&8	5 <sup>th</sup> grade trip to Buehler Challenger & Science Center
	13	5 <sup>th</sup> grade picnic (rain date 6/14)
	14	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Evening of the Arts - Art show at 6:00 and Band Concert at 6:30.
	16	PTO Book Fair

Britt shared the events of Gillette School.

May	20	Spirit Day – “Red, White, and Blue”
	26	Field Day - afternoon only
June	2	1 <sup>st</sup> graders visit Millington School

- 2 Volunteer Tea
- 9 Kindergarten Concert & Ceremony 10:30am & 1:30pm
- 9 Gillette Social 6:30pm sponsored by the PTO
- 13&16 Incoming Kindergarten screening

### **Teacher's Report**

Mrs. Powers thanked the PTO for the wonderful luncheon and binding machine. The eblast about collecting gently used games for inside recess was very helpful. The collection at Millington and Gillette, are going well.

### **Administration Report**

Mr. Villar reported that each school had open houses for prospective students from St. Vincent's. He has already enrolled 10 students in Central, perhaps 5-10 more in the future. He mentioned 8 students shadowed present Central School students for a day. Mr. Villar also reported that the NJ ASK science test will be on May 25<sup>th</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Somerset Patriots fundraiser sponsored by S.P.O.R.T and the Cub Scouts is June 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available in the Central School office. When asked why students are not allowed to carry backpacks to the classrooms, he explained the safety hazards. He shared that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Geometry class that was taught in the high school in prior years will most likely be taught in Central next year. The district was investigating a partnership with Watchung but the logistics would not work. When asked about a "drop schedule", as they use in the high school, Mr. Villar explained the advantages and disadvantages of that type of scheduling with middle school students.

Dr. Acevedo thanked the PTO for the luncheon and medal. He thanked everyone for being at the meeting. He shared a little bit about himself and how excited he was to be in Long Hill. He has been taking it all in and listening to suggestions from various groups in the district. Parents should feel comfortable reaching out to him. He described the wireless infrastructure expansion proposal that will be presented at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Education meeting. He also mentioned strengthening the curriculum and providing additional training for teachers. Ways to increase communication between school and families was also discussed.

### **Teacher Requests**

#### **The following teacher request was discussed and will be voted on in June:**

George Villar, Central School principal, is requesting \$3,000.00 for two water fountains with bottle filling stations that would be installed by the new and old gym. Mr. Villar elaborated on the request, highlighting the hygienic and convenient uses. The cost may be less if Temco is allowed to install them. He will investigate the cost of the filters.

**There were no requests requiring a vote.**

### **Closing**