



**PTO Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016**

Welcome and Announcements

In attendance: Jill Long, Alex Gallant, Lisa Wood, Amy Medina, Galia Sicard, Denise DiSarno, Florencia Squizziato, Christine Blocker, Karen Burgerhoff, Karissa Felix, Kimberly Borin, Brittney Rodrigues, George Villar.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Borin, School Counselor at Central School

Wholeness for Children – Understanding Self Harm and the Need for Healing.

Dr. Borin shared the website www.counselingcentral.blogspot.com. She encourages parents to visit the blog, not only to read a synopsis of this presentation but for other school counseling lessons and inspirations. She commented that middle school students are now dealing with stress, pressure, FOMO (fear of missing out), lack of sleep, depression, self-harm, anxiety, and suicidal ideation. She discussed the concept of “wholeness” and shared some simple things to do to enhance our children’s lives. Her presentation also included viewing a short video called “Teen Brain – under construction”, which can be seen on the website. She concluded the presentation by distributing “gems” because we all bring a particular sparkle and light to the world, an activity she does with her Passport guidance classes.

Minutes from previous meeting

The meeting minutes from February 17, 2016 were approved.

President’s Report

Jill gave an update on the upcoming April 8th Wizards game. So far 646 tickets have been sold. There are 332 still available. Reserved and Courtside Plus seats are sold out. There are 32 Whiz kids packages and 118 meals sold. The PTO is grateful to the many volunteers and teachers who will be participating. Jill reported on the SchoolKidz Supply Kit fundraiser. Online sales run until April 15th. The flyer has been sent home. The Millington Book Fair will be June 16th. Jill commented that if a chairperson ever needs volunteers for an event, please reach out to the executive board and school representatives.

Financial Report

Alex reviewed the financial report.

Account balances as of March 16, 2016

Assets:

Bingo	\$ 34,055.22
Central School Funds	749.56
Checking Account (MSB)	13,464.07
Dedicated Fund	38,753.53
Recreation Fund - Savings	504.57
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 87,526.95
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 87,525.95

Liabilities:

CS Party Dues	\$ 749.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 749.56
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 86,777.39

Secretary’s Report

Lisa read a thank you card from the Gillette School teachers who expressed their gratitude for the Dr. Seuss books. Cynthia Coster of Millington School thanked the PTO for funding the “captivating” visit of author/teacher Phil Bildner. Ms. Coster also thanked Melissa Azarian for her continued effort of bringing in such great authors. Finally, the Gillette School staff is very appreciative of the new coffeemaker.

School Representatives’ Report

Amy shared the events of Central School.

April	6	Science Consortium event
	9	Seussical Jr. performance 7:30PM
	10	Seussical Jr. performance 2:00PM
	15	End of marking period 3
	22	School Dance 7:30PM

Volunteers are still needed for the dance.

Galia shared the events of Millington School.

April	8	Spirit Day “Gold and Blue”
	15	End of marking period 3

Florencia shared the events at Gillette School

April	8	Spirit Day “Gold and Blue”
	21	Kindergarten Workshop 9:30AM
	22	Kindergarten Workshop 12:45PM

Teacher’s Report

Karen Burgerhoff reported that Millington School is interested in gently used board games for inside recess.

Administration Report

Mr. Villar reported that the PARCC window is April 4th to May 16th. He commented that testing will start on April 7th in Millington since the students are returning from Spring Recess on April 4th. Sixth graders will be testing April 11-15th. Seventh graders are testing April 18-22nd. Finally, eight graders are testing April 23-29th

Teacher Requests

The following requests were voted on and approved:

Eileen Shanagher, music teacher at Central School, requested an *Aida* Opera DVD and Study Guide for \$47.90 to be used with the 8th grade general music class.

Karissa Felix, Physical Education teacher at Gillette School, requested an iPod Nano 16 GB for \$159.43 to be used in all gym classes.

The following teacher requests were discussed:

John Birckhead, music teacher at Central School, is requesting a Vibraphone for \$2,889.90.

Closing