

September 2009 PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2009

Call to Order: Theresa Keenan-Flite

Introduction of Board Members: **President:** Theresa Keenan-Flite; **President Elect:** Dianna Pax; **1st Vice President:** Sharon Porter; **2nd Vice President:** Maura Hinkle; **3rd Vice President:** Suzy Lopolito; **Treasurer:** Erin Brown; **Corresponding Secretary:** Tina O'Neill; **Recording Secretary:** LouAnn Marinucci

President's Report: Theresa Keenan-Flite reports that the PTA's CB Staff Luncheon went very well! She points out that we as a PTA really appreciate all of CB's staff and their hard work! Also, the AEF donated Promethean Boards to every classroom over the summer.

Co-President's Report: Dianna Pax reports that the PTA Handbook is currently being revised. Feel free to give suggestions via the Suggestion Box in the PTA office or by emailing the PTA at copperpta@yahoo.com. Also, please note that the District calendar is incorrect in regard to PTA meetings: meetings will be held every month (not every other month as indicated on the calendar). The PTA is trying to reach out to all departments throughout the school, such as ESL. Please let us know if you know of a specific group or person in need of support.

Theresa Keenan-Flite adds that the PTA will be attempting to have speakers at most of their meetings throughout the year. Mrs. Ryan will be coming to our November PTA meeting to discuss to talk about ways we can help our school and homes to become more "green" or eco-friendly.

Administrative Reports:

Dr. Kline introduces the book Marley Goes to School, by John Grogan, as a fun book to read for all ages! She thanks the PTA for the Staff Luncheon, the goody bag, flowers, and nice note. She points out the importance of Gratitude and that gratitude will be emphasized throughout the year. Monday, September 21 will be CB's Open House for grades K-2. Check out the new video of the staff (based on "Hair")! School is off to a great start, even in spite of the rainy 3rd day!

Mr. Etlen thanks the PTA for the delicious lunch. He also thanks parents for their cooperation during arrival time.

Mrs. Johnson welcomes everyone back! She also encourages parents to give her a call if they have a question regarding curricula that is not answered in any of the literature provided.

Mrs. Wolf thanks the PTA for the Staff Luncheon, the Paine's gift cards, the Scholastic newspapers and magazine subscriptions, and for the assignment books!

Treasurer's Report: Theresa Keenan-Flite gives the report on behalf of Erin Brown who is not here tonight. The new report is available and presented in an easier to read format. The PTA Board raised the Principal's Discretionary Fund to \$1000 from \$750, allowing for approximately \$1 per student.

Update Regarding By-Laws: Theresa Keenan-Flite reads a letter written by previous PTA Board President Loretta Fox regarding the PTA By-Laws which were approved by our PTA last Spring. Unfortunately, our By-Laws were rejected by the PA PTA because the term "optional" in regards to the President Elect position is not allowed (it's either there or not there – no "optional" allowed!). So, it is proposed that the term "Optional" in regards to the President Elect position will be removed. If ever the position is not filled, it will simply be left open. You can check out this revision on CB PTA's website www.abington.k12.pa.us/cbpta/. Please review this change before the October PTA meeting on October 8, as we will vote on their approval at that meeting.

Julie Pickholtz speaks regarding **AGEPAC**. Come check us out! Email Julie pickholtz@yahoo.com with questions or comments.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Tina O'Neill reports that a flyer will be coming home soon with all of the PTA meeting dates listed. There are thank you notes posted on the bulletin board in the PTA office. Stop in to check them out!

Membership: Sally Ann Williard reports that PTA Membership flyers will be coming home soon. They will be green. Membership is \$10. Help out our PTA and get a free school directory! Please send in membership form and dues soon after receiving the flyer!

Funds from Dues and Fundraisers: Dianna Pax points out just a few things that your PTA dues and fundraiser money go towards, such as \$3500 towards assemblies, \$4 per child for field trips, and approximately \$3600 for our Publishing Center.

Sally Foster: LouAnn Marinucci reports that the Sally Foster Fundraiser is one of biggest sales all year. Orders are due October 2. This date will not be extended. Don't forget to include 6% sales tax on total sales!

Questions? Call or email LouAnn Marinucci (215) 887-8587 or marinucci2@verizon.net.

Display My Art Fundraiser: Erin Brown is the chairperson for this fundraiser. The students are currently working on their art work now. Keep your eye out for the free magnet and order form that will be sent home! Items will be received by Christmas.

6th Grade Activities: Sally Ann Williard, Ellen DeStefano, Julie Nahill, and Diane McKenzie will be coordinating the activities this year. The fundraisers associated with the 6th Grade are separate from the general PTA. We need your support!

Collections: Campbell's Soup Labels, Box Tops, soda tabs, Genuardi's receipts...

Assignment Books: Please send in your \$3 for your child's assignment book if you haven't done so already! Thanks!

Directory: A new form will be coming home shortly which includes a space for addresses. Please fill out and send back. Directories should be out by November.

Homeroom Parents: Trishia Timbers reports that there will be "Parent-Teacher Liaisons" in the place of Homeroom Parents this year. These liaisons will coordinate any and all volunteers for each class to assist the teachers as needed for parties and other special events. A form went home delineating exactly which level of volunteers are needed. Please only sign up to be a liaison for one class. You can volunteer to help in all of your kids' classes. The Liaison meeting will be held on 10/1 at 2pm in the cafeteria.

"Pastries with Parents": Sign up sheets are at the PTA meeting and will be at Open House. Help is needed with clean up.

Book Fair: Lisa Michael, Kris Irwin, and Danielle Greenbaum will be coordinating this event which will take place the week of November 9 – 13. The theme will be "Mysteries".

Three Day District Fall Festival: 10/2 (4pm – 10pm), 10/3 (10am – 10pm), and 10/4 (12pm – 5pm). Rides, games, food, crafts, fun! We are looking into running a booth which will support the CB PTA. Information will be coming home soon. Sign up to help!

Fall Festival and Pizza Night: Volunteers needed! Come out for some fun!

Promethean Boards: Dr. Kline reports that the portable Promethean Boards which our PTA bought for CB are going to be placed in designated rooms soon.

Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2009