

Central School PTA  
General Meeting  
October 10, 2007  
7:30 p.m., Central School Library

President Kristin Makely called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. The agenda, and minutes from the Executive Board Meeting and the General Meeting on September 12, 2007, were approved.

**President's Report**

President Makely thanked everyone who helped the PTA with Back-to-School Night and Picture Day. She also made the following announcements:

- The Raptor Project will take place tomorrow thanks to Claudia Petaccio
- Room parents have been assigned to the classrooms thanks to Denise Amons
- Help-wanted flyers were distributed asking for PTA volunteers, and the PTA still needs a Family Fun Event Coordinator
- After-school enrichment programs have begun
- October 12 is the deadline for submissions to *The Focus*
- The PTA received thank-you notes from Mrs. Peterson, our librarian who recently retired, and Barry, our crossing guard, for gifts given to them by the PTA.

**Principal's Report**

Principal Roger Bowley discussed the upcoming Raptor Project and possible measures to improve school security. Parents were invited to contact him with any ideas or questions regarding security issues. Picture day went well. Parent visitation and character education week are approaching, and information will be distributed about the Halloween parade.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Pam DiPadova reported that cash-in includes PTA dues; and cash-out includes funds for teacher allotments, the Raptor Project, and the Ice-Cream Social.

**Guest Speakers**

Jessica Beane, Librarian, discussed her prior experience and how impressed she is with our students. A Library Open House will take place in March. The Birthday Book Club is underway and she intends to improve book selection, especially for older children. She invited parents to contact her with any questions.

Brian Niles discussed the PTA website ([www.centralpta.org](http://www.centralpta.org)). The site lists school information, special links, contact information, and sends out e-mail announcements. *The Focus* will become semi-paperless: a half-sheet of paper will come home stating that a new issue of *The Focus* is available on-line. Internet safety, including issues with “MySpace” and “Facebook,” were also discussed.

### **Report of Cheryl Laney, Board of Education**

Dr. Laney reported the following:

- A new World Language teacher was hired and will begin in mid-December to teach Spanish to grades 3, 4 and 5
- The new Board of Education member is Drew Hanson, and another Board seat will be open in the upcoming election
- Superintendent Alan Fegley started a district-wide newsletter, *HSD News* (Haddonfield School District News), intended to highlight the district and to provide information to parents
- A buzzer system will be installed at Tatem.

### **Committee Reports**

*Note Cards:* The deadline to submit note card orders has been extended until Friday, October 19.

*Enrichment:* Flyers about the Raptor Project were distributed.

*Holiday Breakfast:* Jessica Hamilton reported that the Holiday Breakfast is scheduled for December 1. The Kindergarten students will sing at the first seating. The first graders will sing at the second seating. The Cookie Walk will take place during the Holiday Breakfast. Volunteers and ideas are requested.

*Fashion Show:* Michelle Smith reported that the fashion show will take place November 1, from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Tavistock Country Club. It is the biggest fundraiser and will include fashions from Haddonfield retailers, 14 faculty models, a tambola auction, art action, and a \$1000 shopping spree to Haddonfield stores.

*Gift Wrap:* Heidi Lahm reported that over \$6,500 was raised from the fundraiser. The drawing took place for the winners of various fundraiser prizes. The gift wrap orders should be delivered in early November.

*Outdoor Classroom:* Meggin Patterson discussed the plans, mason, materials, costs, and tentative schedule of the work.

*Reflections:* Anne Vial reported that an e-mail blast was sent out, and a flyer will be sent home on Friday about the Reflections art contest. November 14 is the deadline for entries. The theme is “I can make a difference by . . .” Nicole Cucinotta will organize lunchtime artwork sessions. The entry form can be accessed on-line and the link is on the PTA’s website.

*Municipal Alliance:* Anne Vial reported that packets were distributed at Back-to-School Night containing information about how to talk to children about not drinking, the Surgeon General’s report, and a Safe Homes Pledge. The Alliance is highly organized this year with lots of committees, and wants to focus heavily on the elementary and middle schools.

*Zone PTA:* There was no Zone PTA meeting because of the What’s On Your Mind Forum scheduled for Tuesday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m.

*After-School Enrichment:* Classes are attended by 90 children. Only two classes were dropped. More participants are needed for the “Color Me Mine” class.

Vice-President Pam Strobel read the announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.