

*Motion: Lolita Reichbach 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gussie Donohue*  
**Central Parents Council**

**Minutes from November 6, 2014**

**In Attendance:** Lolita Reichbach, Beth Packert, Wendi DeSchutter, Sarah Trust, Nancy Israeli, Stephanie DiNozzi, Melissa Marasciullo, Augusta Reese Donohue, Christina Bruderman, Terri Coyle, Ingrid Wright, Nicole Pultz, Karen Walter, Jill DeMarco, Kaitlin Eisenegger, Jenean Ketterer, Nicole Prizzi, Gloria Godsell, Tracey Greenberg, Karen Walter, Lauryn Koke, Anne Gummersell, Pamela Sherlock, Lisabeth Squicciarini, Amy Brogan, Anthony Paolano, Jennifer Leavy, M. Marasciullo, Marie Strunk, Terri Coyne, Claire Costa, Christina Goetjen, Carol Terracciano, Helena Grossman, Monica Stingi, Janice Elkin, Kristin Robillard

**Absent:** Ginette Reynolds, Anne Scott, Tim Ruocco, Robert Taglich, Janna DeRisi, Heather Savarese, Charisse Winthrop, Helen Daly

**CPC Business**

**Beth Packert, Chairperson**, called the meeting to order at 9:05. Beth led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Sarah Trust, Secretary**, asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2014 meeting. Nancy Israeli made motion to approve, Augusta Reese seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Report from the Treasurer**

**Lolita Reichbach, Treasurer** asked for a budget vote. Motion was made by Ingrid Wright and seconded by Gussie Reese. The Budget was approved unanimously.

**Status and Resolution Report**

**Wendi DeSchutter, Vice Chair**, stated that the Board of Education had adopted new district goals and they are listed. See Attached Report. Teacher contracts are ongoing. S&R Report did not contain any new parent items. If they need to be added, please let her know.

Q: How much money will we receive from the Smart Schools Bond? Dr. Wilansky stated that they would try to expand tech for student use. Reports suggest we would get \$300,000. They are looking to more online content and fewer textbooks.

**Guest Speakers**

The meeting began with a briefing from **Anthony Paolano, Board of Education President**, on the status of teacher contracts.

- Reviewing the timeline, Mr. Paolano said that on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Superintendent Conference Day he had optimistically stated that he hoped they would settle in 60 days.
- Over the summer the Board settled with custodians and clerical unions.
- At the September 9 board of Ed meeting, the board offered to meet with the teachers to have a discussion. They met on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Fact Finding Report is due to be released on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The report is a nonbinding agreement.
- The issues are involving salary and healthcare costs.
- There are 53 out of 104 school districts on LI without contracts. Settlements that have happened in other districts have conditions that the board is willing to work with.

- The Full Service Union and Administrative Unions also need contracts.
- Triborough Law means that the contracts are still in effect while negotiating and teachers are still getting their annual step-ups.

Beth Packert asked whether contractual obligations would be met, specifically the DC Trip, extra help and letters of recommendation. Mr. Paolano stated that they have never had a problem with teachers fulfilling their obligations.

Q: Why didn't negotiations happen pre-expiration of the contract? The BOE tried but were too far apart. That went into mediation. All options need to be exhausted before mediation is permitted and mediation is then a lengthy process.

**Mr. Bongino** gave a presentation on the Athletic Vision Statement for the district. Please see attached handouts.

- Preparation, Enthusiasm, Adversity, Discipline, Sportsmanship, Team Commitment, Confidence, Attitude, Competitive Greatness

Q: What about non-competitive students? Mr. Bongino stated that they are also working for overall health and cited Mrs. Parent's health program in the elementary school and Fitness Gram as well as the lifetime sports practiced in PE.

Q: Do we have a GPA requirement? Mr. Bongino stated that that hasn't been a concern since most of our teams get student athlete honors.

Q: What about the younger kids? How do you keep them involved, they are getting discouraged very early on from parent coaches?

Q: Do we have a no-cut policy? No. There are many more kids than our teams can fit. We encourage them to find other sports and the cutting happens in person in private. Some teams also allow a practice team.

Q: What can we do about the culture of football and cheerleaders when we want our young ladies growing up strong? Our Cheer squad is transitioning into a real sport now. Mr. Bongino stated that he would look into some of the student-led traditions in the school.

**Denise Campbell, head of special education** stated that Shefali Tsabary will be coming to the PAC on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7. \$10 admission.

### **New Parent Items**

Jill DeMarco stated that the bus routes need to be reviewed given the length of time children are on the bus and that the current routes don't make any sense.

### **School Reports**

**GPFA:** See attached notes.

**LH:** See attached notes.

**WS:** See attached notes.

**CFA:** See attached notes.

**Arts Booster:** Pamela Sherlock gave the report. Comedy Night is the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Town is upcoming. Grok needs a laptop. Opera Night in Northport is at S. Paul's on Friday.

**SEPTA:** Membership has increased and we thank everyone for joining and supporting SEPTA. Our first kickoff meeting was very successful with our guest Randi Schuller, district behavior consultant. Our next 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup of Coffee will be on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am in the community room in Goosehill. Our guest speaker from Aspire Center for Learning and Development will be speaking about the college transition – being proactive instead of reactive. Hope to see you there.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.**