

## **SPORT meeting October 27, 2010**

**Attendees:** Karen Leski , Leslie Degeorges, Rene Rovtar, Chris Stanton, Danielle Ciccalese, Ms. Millman, Mari Giovinco, Cheryl Killeen, Lynn Norcia Blakeslee

**Correspondence:** The question posed by a parent regarding reimbursement for unused pay to play costs was discussed. It was clarified that the money given by SPORT to the BOE is used to reduce the Pay to Play costs across the board on all sports. The BOE then calculates out the projected cost of each sport's season. Beginning this year, the contribution from SPORT is used to defray the costs of the sports on a prorated basis, that is, sports that cost more get a proportionally higher amount of the SPORT contribution. If there are any funds that are not utilized in a particular sport's season, that money just goes back to the account used to pay for team sports' costs. The amounts that are calculated are estimates and cannot be pinpointed to exact amounts due to changing conditions, cancellations, possible playoff games, etc.

It was suggested that an explanation of this process should be included in the SPORT booster book which will act as a handbook and introduction for all sports at Central.

### **Financial Report**

Mari Giovinco (Treasurer) is working on getting all of the financial information in order in a way that effectively tracks all expenditures and receipts, including donations, both monetary and other forms of donations, such as equipment. Mari will prepare a budget that meets the criteria for submission for the 501c status.

Every week all receipts will be given to the BOE for deposit into the SPORT account. Once SPORT has 501c status, it will be in charge of its own account and will be able to write checks directly to food vendors, uniform suppliers, etc. rather than going through the requisition procedure required by the BOE.

- It was agreed that Mr. Villar will put a new letter on the school website regarding the projected costs for participating in various sports.
- Scholarship Requests: There was a discussion regarding how the decisions for scholarship requests should be handled in the future. (Note: in cases of financial hardship SPORT is sometimes asked to subsidize, in large part, a student's pay to play cost).
  - It was agreed that a nominal fee (such as \$25) should always be paid by the family requesting the scholarship.
  - There was also a discussion as to how many sports for which the same child could receive a scholarship. It was decided that the limit would be determined by the dollar amount to play the most expensive sport of the season. So, for example, a student could possibly receive a scholarship to play basketball (usually the most expensive sport), and then not be eligible to receive a scholarship for any other sport. Or, a student could receive a scholarship to do cross country and fencing, which together would usually not exceed the total cost of basketball.
  - A form letter will be put on the SPORT web page to be used for requesting scholarship.

### New Business:

- Chris Stanton has joined SPORT and has agreed to be the Chairperson of the "New Fundraising Ideas" committee. Chris has actively participated in fundraising for St. Vincent DePaul's school. He suggested a **Movie night** as a fun way to raise money. SPORT selected the date of **Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011** as the date for Movie Night at Central School. Details will be ironed out at future meetings, but it was initially decided that the admission fee will include some snacks and then there will be additional snacks for sale with vouchers or cash. The children will be invited to bring pillows to make the evening especially "cozy".
- It was decided that, going forward, the SPORT secretary will send out reminder emails prior to monthly meetings to request team representatives to attend on a regular basis.

- **SPORT Booster Book:** the new deadline for the submission of advertisements will be November 30, 2010. Parents are encouraged sell ad space to businesses with which they do business. \$25 a half page, \$40 a full page. The booster book will also contain related sport information such as, a Mission Statement of SPORT, a list of fundraising and other committees, procedures for requesting scholarships, projected costs of various sports.
- **SPIRITWEAR:** It was reported that there still remains a good supply of spiritwear which has already been purchased by SPORT. Any moneys collected for the sale of such items will be pure profit at this point. In order to encourage the sale of the remaining spiritwear, Mr. Villar will arrange to display it in the Trophy Cases along with ordering information.
- **Team Pictures for Yearbook:** There was an extensive discussion about getting spring sports' team pictures into the yearbook due to deadlines for publication.