

## Central Middle School S.P.O.R.T.

### Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2010

Meeting called to order 7:40

Present: D. Cicalese

G. Villar

A. Ponturo

S. Montani

Not Present: R. Dreyer

#### **Old Business:**

**S.P.O.R.T is requesting an accounting for any expenses** that may have been allocated for but NOT used during the season. These expenses include any transportation or official fees for cancelled games. Mr. Villar reported that thus far there has been one cancelled game during basketball season. The expense for that game was used to pay an unforeseen transportation cost for the basketball play offs.

Currently, there is no one charged with tracking these potential unused fees. For example, early in the baseball season, a game was played with only one umpire instead of the allotted two. It is expected that cancelled baseball/softball games will be re-scheduled.

SPORT hopes to establish a process for the future accounting of any fees associated with cancelled games or officials that do not work a game. SPORT can only recommend what happens to unused pay to play fees as those fees are paid directly to the Board of Ed.

**Amendment to meeting minutes from February;** please note that the Fundraising Committee is chaired by Lynn Norcia. Of further note, any "standing committee" chair is considered a member of the executive board.

**SPORT by-laws** will be evaluated and updated to reflect the changing environment considering the addition of the parent representative; the increased attendance of meetings; and addition of committees

#### **New Business:**

**Appointment to the SPORT board:** Dr. Verlezza; is the new liaison to the Board of Education. SPORT would like to thank Russ Dreyer for his support in taking on this role during his term of service to the Board of Education.

#### **Request for SPORT to fund the position of Central School Athletic Director.**

After much discussion, it was determined that there is not enough information for a solid decision to be made. SPORT is leaning towards NOT funding this position in its entirety but will entertain the possibility of subsidizing this stipend. The reality of this issue is that the

Athletic Director's stipend will be an additional expense that is passed on to the parents as part of the "pay to play" fees.

Dr. Rovtar via Mr. Villar is asked to supply a detailed job description as well as a specific stipend amount for the Athletic Director.

Mr. Villar is asked to investigate the calculation of coach's stipends and the possibility that they could be different depending upon the team that is coached, possibly off-setting a portion the athletic director's stipend.

Clearly, with nine athletic teams there is a need for someone to oversee the scheduling of games, buses and officials as well as practice space. Further, the Athletic director would hopefully be responsible for the tracking of pay to play fees and handling uniform issues. More to come on this subject at the next meeting.

### \*\*\*Clarification of SPORT's involvement with the pay to play process\*\*\*

The fees for each team are calculated based on the cost of officials, transportation, coach's stipend and equipment. All of these expenses are qualified with "where applicable". SPORT gives a check to the Long Hill Board of Education to be applied as a subsidy to the parent fees.

SPORT can recommend how the subsidy is divided among the teams and can ask for an accounting of expenses, but it is not involved in the process after the check is dispensed to the board.

**The Daily Bulletin** will be updated to reflect the next meeting date as well as the Patriots Day Fundraiser

As part of the **501c3 status** SPORT is required to prepare and submit a budget. The board would like to increase it's subsidy of the pay to play fees. Mr. Villar noted that enrollment is slightly lower next year and that income from SPORT food days may decrease slightly.

**Elections:** Elections for positions on the SPORT board will be held at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Anyone wishing to "run" for one of these positions, please send an email to the secretary at [pponturo@verizon.net](mailto:pponturo@verizon.net) declaring your intention to seek a position. These emails should be received by May 14<sup>th</sup>. Term of service is July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Committee Reports

**Fall Kick-off:** Social event targeted for early October (7<sup>th</sup>) depending on the BTS nights

**Food Days - No change**

Patriots day. Long Hill Day at Patriots Stadium sponsored by Central Middle School SPORT and Cub Scout Pack 56. June 15<sup>th</sup> - posters to be dispersed throughout town advertising this event. Cub Scouts can purchase tickets from Leslie deGeorges who is holding a block for pack 56. Tickets will be available at all of our schools beginning April 29<sup>th</sup> and at the Little League snack shack as well. Please see minutes from last month for more information,

**Car Wash** -- May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Gillette - still needs a co-chair ; please contact Lana Watson who has graciously offered to co chair this event. The following schedule of participation was suggested and will be communicated with all of the teams

10 - 11 Fencing - Cheerleading

11 - 12 Soccer boys Cross Country

12- 1 Basketball

1- 2 Baseball/softball with soccer girls

**Duck Race** Scheduled to take place on Long Hill Community Day - most likely the second Saturday in September - more to come next meeting.

**Next meeting - May 26, 2010**