**Winnetka District 36 Central PTO**

**Minutes - April 6, 2018**

**Present for the meeting: Jenny Herb, Shawna Radzik, Nidhi Singh, Cynthia Werts, Karen Skinner, Sarah Alshouse, Kelly Bachman, Trisha Kocanda, Maxie Clarke, Steve Cirulis, Laura Kastelic**

**President: Jenny Herb**

Central PTO slate was approved.

* President: Tracy Winslow
* VP/Communications: Kendra Drozd
* Treasurer: Nicole Rivera
* Secretary: Emilee Wolfe

* Winnetka Music Fest organizers requested 24 volunteers from schools. Schools will include volunteering information in school newsletters.

**Communication Report: Cynthia Werts**

* Central PTO slate and minutes will be posted to the website.

**Treasurer report: Karen Skinner**

Central PTO will be contributing to the following organizations again this year.

* Family Action Network
* Alliance for Early Childhood
* Haven
* Erika’s Lighthouse

**Greeley Report: Shawna Radzik**

* Greeley Karaoke night was April 5. Chris Rider was DJ.
* Froebel Gifts, Stacy Wellman and Ted Graf will discuss Froebel Gifts in depth. Froebel Gifts are integrated in all grades as a mechanism for play and creativity. It provides a tactile way to learn math and think abstractly The information session will be 4/12, from 7-9pm at Greeley.
* Earth Week activities will be led by Liz Kunkle.
* Greeley talent show will take place on April 20.

**Hubbard Woods Report: Nidhi Singh**

* Teacher appreciation week was successful.
* Composer in residence program coming up for grades 1-3.

**Crow Island Report: Maxie Clarke**

* Teacher appreciation week begins April 16.
* Community outreach team is working with Share our Spare organization to donate gently used high chairs, bibs and various baby items.
* We are working to pare down 4th grade end-of-year activities.
* Percussion play setup for playground is now on hold until after summer work is complete.
* School directory will be organized the same as last year.
* PTO organized tea is coming up for parents to meet with the principal.
* Bring your neighbor to school event will take place in May.

**Skokie/Washburne Report: Kelly Bachman and Sarah Alshouse**

* Vote on Skokie/Washburn slate will take place next week.
* Mindfulness and stress reduction class will take place the week after PARCC testing.
* Earth Week will take place last week in April.
* Teacher Appreciation week is coming up . Align Wellness Center will be offering massages to teachers. The Book Stall will also have teacher requested book lists available for families to donate a book to the teacher library.
* Field Day is coming up in May.

**Superintendent Report: Trisha Kocanda**

* Thanked PTO’s for organizing for Teacher Appreciation. It means a great deal to our teachers.
* National School Walkout was quiet. Some students spoke at Washburne then went back to class. The event was handled well. A second national walkout is planned for April 20.
* Kindergarten enrollment is currently at 120 students. We will host an April 19 “Welcome to Kindergarten” meeting. Feedback on Kindergarten has been positive and PTO presidents have helped with this.
* Institute Day was April 2. Teachers were able to sign up for various courses including mindfulness and special education. Teacher feedback was positive.
* Winnetka School Board has three seats opening up in a year. Nominations due in August and interviews will begin in fall.
* Future Ready 36 - It is a more complex plan than other communities because of possible redistricting and the possibility of school closings.
* Next step in the process is a June vote then the plan would be sent to referendum next April.
* We need heavy community involvement in this first phrase.
* We hired a communications firm to assist in getting more feedback to help narrow down the direction that the community would like to take.
* Costs of upgrades will be discussed at the April 24 Board meeting. A thirty-year financial timeline will be outlined for all options.
* Winnetka could have access to lease funding mechanism if we build new.
* The core team is focused on the big picture of costs and defining educational space so people better understand the options.
* Feedback for a kindergarten though 5th grade option has been requested. The village said it would be difficult to accomplish with the lot sizes. Village is working with us to give clarity what we can build on these lots or support us in communicating that it will not be possible.

Next meeting: May 4 at 9:15 Jenny Herb’s home - 1093 Elm.