**Winnetka District 36 Central PTO**

**Minutes - January 12, 2018**

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

**President: Jenny Herb**

* December minutes approved

**Treasurer report: Karen Skinner**

* The audit is complete.
* Amazon smiles account has been created to benefit Winnetka 36 Central PTO.

**Greeley Report: Shawna Radzik**

* Greeley parent party will take place at Skokie Country Club on 1/26.
* Moved workout and wine event to later in the year.
* Resource center will be focus of fundraiser.
* Bring your neighbor to school event is coming up soon.
* Vineyard Vines fundraiser event raised $300.

**Communication Report: Cynthia Werts**

* No report

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

* The PTO has received many thanks for Wonder field trip. It was well received.
* PTO is working with students to make “kindness” rocks to place around community.
* WE Day national program being considered.
* Washburne new water bottle station is open now.
* “Pride of Lions” reading challenge is open. 20 books have been selected to read and the team that reads the most will win a party and book from Book Stall.
* Friday Nights Lights student party will take place on February 2 at Washburne..
* A dance marathon is being considered in March.

**Crow Island Report: Maxie Clarke**

* Crow Island book fair took place in November.
* Crow Island has been focusing on community outreach, including “Showers of Gratitude.” Families donated shampoos and soaps to the New Trier Food Pantry.
* Classes also donated sack suppers that were donated to a shelter.
* The Board approved new projector and screen. The history of Crow Island is being honored and the technology will blend in to the 1920’s architecture of the school.
* Percussion playground equipment is in final approval to go in this spring.
* Parent/teacher party will take place at the Kenilworth Club. We will not hold a fundraiser this year.
* Other important Crow Island events included: Immigration Day, STEAM Expo and math nights.

**Superintendent Report: Trisha Kocanda**

* Board approved Josh Swanner as Principal of Greeley School.
* Finalized levy 1.08% half of CPI.
* *Future Ready D36’s* next core meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17. Next step is to determine what concepts will be pursued. There will be a March special Board meeting where Initial concepts will be introduced. Four levels of improvement will be presented for each school building.
* *Future Ready D36* team reviewed research on how environment impacts learning. One goal is to make sure transitions are as few as possible. Identity of school community - smaller the better.
* *Future Ready D36* next Community Outreach Event focused on environmental design, student learning, and research on best practices will take place on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at The Skokie School, 520 Glendale Avenue
* Future Ready D36 online survey is for community input. Survey will go be valid from January 12-25.
* Kindergarten survey will go out to current families. Intra-district transfer requests are being processed now. We currently have 100 kindergarteners registered for the 2018/2019 year. We usually have about 130 registered at this time. We anticipate six or seven kindergarten sections next year.
* Robotics challenge took place and our team won regionals. Students are in 5-8 grades with 30 kids in the program. 10 students competed.
* Futures Unlimited conference attended by a group of twenty-five, eighth grade Washburne girls this week. The program was designed to allow eighth grade girls an opportunity to become familiar with a variety of professions in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The event, held at Oakton Community College
* Winnetka Caucus reached out to Trisha for potential nominees to the Caucus Council.

**Winnetka School Board Report: Nat Roberts, Winnetka School Board**

* Board is reviewing special education to determine how to be more effective at same or less cost.
* School budget and tax rate is lower even with kindergarten full day.
* We are holding off on major capital expenses until *Future Ready D36* is decided.
* Washburne will need some piping work done that will impact 20 classrooms over the summer. Adventures in Learning will most likely move to Skokie School. Some *Future Ready D36* ideas may be incorporated to as the classrooms that are opened up.
* The goal is to have *Future Ready 36* 10-year plan approved in June.

Next Meeting: February 2 at Skokie School