Winnetka District 36 Central PTO

Minutes - November 3, 2017

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

**President: Jenny Herb**

* Requested feedback on Winnetka music festival. Greeley feedback is that they would not want to charge for crafts that were previously free.
* PTO’s are considering food booths to sell shaved ice or other treats with funds going to PTO. This would not require volunteer hours.
* Skokie/Washburne was not interested in participating.
* League of Women Voters is holding information meetings on the TIF proposal being considered by the Village of Winnetka.

**Secretary, Laura Kastelic**

* Minutes approved.

**Greeley Report: Shawna Radzik, Greeley PTO President**

* Fall Fest was a success with face painting, games and food. Kids had fun.
* Greeley bocce ball fundraiser is coming up.
* Vineyard Vines is offering a December fundraising event with 10% of funds going to Greeley.
* The PTO sponsored yoga classes in KW for the children.
* Greeley Spirit Wear is currently on sale.
* Kindergarten Pow Wow is coming up.
* Amazon Smile tax ID is a blanket PTO number for Greeley, Hubbard Woods, Crow Island and Skokie/Washburne. Individual tax ID’s will be created and schools will promote Amazon Smile once details are sorted.

**Treasurer Report: Karen Skinner**

PTO Presidents should have turned in paperwork for audit.

**Superintendent Report: Trisha Kocanda**

* District is participating in an annual safety meeting today to go through various scenarios to communicate and fine tune our processes.
* Trisha thanked PTO for promoting Future Ready global perspectives meeting with 105 attendees.
* Future Ready is moving forward with great feedback from teachers. District will also look for feedback from students.
* Future Ready Core Team has been touring local schools and Chicago. They will soon be breaking into small groups and will also be looking out of state for off site visits. Community members may also be involved if they would like to come.
* Concepts should come out in February. We will be moving quickly come spring and will have many meetings at that time. We need a lot of community involvement.
* Teacher Institute Day is Friday, November 10. Daniel Ryan is working hard with staff to improve professional development. There will be courses that staff can attend. The other half of the time will be spent with committee work.
* Contract negotiations for teachers, associates entrance monitors are currently under way.
* District sponsored parent information sessions this month include:

From Washburne to New Trier:

A D36 Parent's Guide to the New Trier Transition

Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Mathematical Mindsets: Unleashing Student Potential with Jo Boaler, Ph.D.\*

Thursday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m. (geared toward educators but parents are welcome)

The Skokie School Auditorium, 520 Glendale Ave.

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Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. (geared toward parents but educators are welcome)

North Shore Country Day School, 310 Green Bay Rd.

RSVP IS REQUIRED for the 7 p.m. event

* Kindergarten will continue at Hubbard Woods and Greeley again next year.
* We had 330 responses to the conference survey which is about 20% of students.

**VP Communications Report: Cynthia Werts**

* No report

**Skokie- Washburne Report: Kelly Bachman, Sarah Almshouse**

* The PTO will fund a field trip for all classes to see the movie Wonder. Book clubs are also being formed to discuss the book.
* The Skokie Shuffle 5K will take place November 4 at 8:30 am. 190 people are attending.
* Washburne Movie and Open Gym Night is tonight. 50 kids are scheduled to attend.
* Dave Kanne is planning a ribbon cutting for cafeteria next week. Teacher feedback from Washburne is that they are using the cafeteria regularly outside of lunch time.
* A new water bottle station was installed at Washburne.

**Crow Island Report: Maxie Clark, PTO President (absent)**

* The PTO sponsored audio improvements to Crow Island.
* The PTO Is purchasing a turtle tank for the school.
* A percussion play feature was added to playground. More improvements may be added.
* The Crow Island Shuffle was big success. The Miseracordia track team came to the Run-a-Thon where they presented with a check.
* Crow Island is working together to donate to New Trier Food Pantry.

**Hubbard Woods Report: Nidhi Singh, PTO President**

* The Barbara Rinella PTO sponsored luncheon is today.

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

* Asked Board for feedback about testing assessments. Do you find them useful?
* 180 New Trier freshmen filled out a survey asking how prepared they feel at new Trier. Most feel very prepared. .

**Next Meeting:**

December date will be moved. Date TBD