**Winnetka D36 Central PTO Meeting Minutes—10/5/18**

In attendance: Kirby Doonan, Tracy Winslow, Tricia Kocanda, Scott Conine, Kendal Reis, Nicole Rivera, Elizabeth Stucker, Kathryn Popoff , Emilee Wolfe

**Kirby—Crow Island Report:** Crow Runathon was postponed

Back to school all successful--morning events not as well attended due to two working parents, evening events better

**Kendal—Hubbard Woods Report**: PTO uses back to school night as an opportunity to reach parents

Orientation night for new parents—20 parents came—not as well attended as they would have liked, but a productive discussion re progressive education and technology integration

Parent Party Oct 26 and parent lunch Nov 2 (usually well attended also with alumni), Book Fair mid November

**Elizabeth—Greeley Report:** Back to School Night was successful

Kindergarten sponsored luncheon today for teachers

New parent party was hosted at PTO president’s house, around 80 in attendance

Greeley conducts tours of school prior to school starting

Parent Party will be in January, Book Fair end of November, and Fall Fest in October before Halloween

**Kathryn—Skokie/Washburne Report:** Parent Party last night—successful

Wish list was made with principals—every teacher can put something on that they want for their classroom. They are working through the requests and have given the go ahead for a few projects: Art Institute field trip for 6th and snow shoes for KW.

Last social dance is tonight. A new dance-a-thon will happen in March raising money for Lurie’s (just Washburne).

They are still having problems with directory spot. All schools are to email Tricia their lead directory contact and Beth will call a meeting to discuss issues. Next year all will be under one umbrella, and PTO will absorb the cost. We will have one directory spot person that will be on the Central PTO board.

**Tricia**—Alliance for Early Childhood— explained the history of the organization and how it is tied to the Winnetka public schools. It has evolved over the years and reaches from Highland Park to Evanston. At the end of last year we ran into a conflict with our privacy policies and sharing directory information for their annual campaign. How do we continue the relationship and work together without violating privacy policies?

We need to communicate to the Alliance that their donation will be less this year due to a smaller amount of funds. Our message will be that the PTO supports the Alliance and will distribute their annual campaign letter in backpacks via the alliance reps from each school. The Alliance can personalize by writing school or class specific notes on the letters. They can also tap into their existing database.

**Scott—School Board Update:** Board just did a survey and it was super helpful. They got a good sample for what the community is feeling.

Tricia reported the results: 92 percent felt quality of education was good, 82 percent felt maintaining neighborhood schools was important

74 percent felt it was important to repair/update schools

88 percent support repairs and upgrades to schools within the current bond obligation

43 percent support comprehensive upgrades that could potentially increase taxes

Jan deadline for referendum decision---work session next week—present decision Oct 23rd

Next they will launch into what will come first: getting proposals from construction managers to verify costs and timelines

Tricia, a Board Member or two, the CFO, and Grounds committee will be coming to Nov PTO meetings with updates. Please publicize these meetings to parents. Tricia will provide a list of people attending and verbiage--confirm the best time with Tricia for your Nov meeting. We discussed an evening Central PTO meeting.

Redistricting—they will have a comprehensive plan because they know people are apprehensive. It will not happen until after April 2 when they are sure of master plan—could potentially happen next fall.

They will have greater clarity on Kindergarten for next year by December for registration.

A reminder--teachers are not consumed with Future Ready! They are still teaching☺

October is National Principal Appreciation Month

Learning Space Design Team—Oct 22nd—Bob Dylan will spend the day with the team and there will be a WPI that night with him

WPI Oct 26th—Kelly Tess

New Trier Township school district tech summit—Nov 26 in evening regarding social media use and setting limits and boundaries. Tricia will work on moving that date.

Extend Central PTO meetings with board members Dec 7th—share feedback from PTOS from district—will start with that at 9:15am