

## Central PTO Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: 10/30/2019

LOCATION: Skokie School Community Room

IN ATTENDANCE: Maxie Clark, Deirdre Franklin, Michele Giczewski, Trisha Kokanda, Holly, Miller, Christine Morse, Julie Pagliaro, Bree Root, Missy Shinall,

Individual School PTO Updates:

### **Crow Island Update - Christine Morse**

- Grounds update with the front of the school building to include the front entry bench and landscaping. The landscaping needs attention. The bench in front of the school needs to be replaced. Question if the bench has historical significance. The funds to do this work are mixed from the district, PTO and stewardship.

### Central PTO Update - Julie Pagliaro

- Lunch vendor status - Julie and Holly met with Brad who provided valuable suggestions on how to conduct an exploratory approach Julie to follow up with various lunch vendors and pose if they have capacity and interest.
- Hubbard Woods surveys parents about vendor. Recent feedback was regarding food waste due to portion sizes. This is owned by the HW Green Team. They summarized results and provided summary in the newsletter.
- CI, HW compost and recycle
- Washburne lunch service was concern of students and parents. It will be coming up for a formal review.
- Stuart Rodgers Photography - slated to be pursued in January.

### Hubbard Woods

- Maggie Bietler not in attendance. No update

### Greeley PTO President Update - Missy Shinall

- Fallfest held at Greeley last Friday was a success
- Question about how each school runs programs. Is there a co-chair for each event. There is a need to have someone to liaison with the program coordinators. Should this division be done by each individual program or events as a whole?
- Creating a mindfulness room/space just for the teachers. It will be technology free, so you can not use the space to check personal email or make a personal call. It could be provided an ipad with mindfulness apps or music available to be used? Also considering an oil diffuser. This space could be used for a finite period, such as 5 minutes to recenter teachers throughout their day. The room/space should be clearly labeled for everyone to see. This would also support the SEL initiative and send the right message to students.
- Could this be done in the other schools? Space could be an issue

- Bike rodeo and bike safety for students. An update for 2020 school year will be to have a crossing guard at the Wilson tunnel. The district will provide a suggested bicycle route to Greeley. Other schools have rules to ride and a sort of “certification” for kids to ride. This has become a valued milestone for kids at various schools in addition to really promoting safe bicycle use. In addition, all bicycles are registered with the Winnetka Police Station. Christine will send Missy details on the Crow Island Bake Safety program.
- Question - who signs the contracts? Question is it just the President or event chair? The consensus was to have two signatures on the contract -- the PTO President and the event chair. The event chair has more knowledge of the details of the event.

#### Skokie/Washburne - Bree Root

- Social dance learning - make sure that you have parent volunteers that understand role and are empowered to put an end to poor behavior
- Parent Party was held with low attendance. 150 tickets were sold and 80 people attended. Issue could have been class parties? Time of year? Or day of the week being a Friday?
- A reminder that individual class parties for the parents should still happen

#### Administration / School Board Updates - Trisha Kokanda and Megan Panje-Wilson

- Trisha recently attended a conference with 80 superintendents from across the country. The topic: redefining ready to address accountability of schools beyond standard test scores.
- Elementary age group it is shown that 60 minutes of uninterrupted play
- Participation in an extracurricular activity
- An adult at school that they feel cares about them
- 70% of this group did have a social emotional goal for the students
- The CASEL partnership has been viewed positively. Pursuing how to work with them as a township
- SEL Committee which is led by CASEL consists of the school administrative team and community partners.
- Addressing the use of common language across the district that is aligned with what will be used at New Trier. For example, there is Greeley Values ..
- SEL kick off meeting is on 10/10
- 1015 is a full day with CASEL
- Parents will go to as many meetings as they are able
- These parents will serve as ambassadors to this effort and help build excitement
- Board approved annual goals - highlighting a few: co-teaching model and work on intervention with main focus on writing and consistency with writing intervention
- Megan provided redistricting update provided
- Needed to use current and relevant data with this proposed solution because it had been based on 2016 data
- A great deal of thoughtful work put into this recommendation.
- Elementary Principal feedback - welcome families but not over doing it.
- There is more social impact on the family - how to help the parents and families feel more connected

- How to bring parents in to be part of the school community right away
- How does a room parent play a role? With a goal to make parents feel more connected with parent gatherings
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- MAP test scores mailed on 10/04
- Question - what is the school's policy on social media?
- School interest is when it has an impact on the educational environment Or if involves the safety of student
- Seems an appetite for parents to help their child navigate social media