**Winnetka District 36 Central PTO**

**Minutes – February 2, 1018**

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

**President: Jenny Herb**

* January minutes approved
* Central PTO nominating committee will be meeting this month. Members from our current board who will serve on the committee include Cynthia Werts, Maxie Clarke, and Shawn Radzik.

**Communication Report: Cynthia Werts**

* We have completed our domain name and hosting for Central PTO website.

**Treasurer Report: Karen Skinner**

* No Report

**Greeley Report: Shawna Radzik**

* Greeley parent party was held last Friday and was very successful. 170 tickets were sold. There were also staff and teachers in attendance. The party generated $2500 in funds for the PTO.
* Bingo night for families will be held on February 15th.
* STEM night will be held in March for students and parents.
* The PTO board for next year has been slated and will go for a vote on Monday, February 5th.
* Greeley will be holding a fundraiser with ordering sweets from Sweet Mandy B’s for Valentine’s Day.

**Hubbard Woods Report: Nindi Singh**

* The PTO parent party will be held tonight with a 1920’s theme at Skokie Country Club
* PTO will be hosting a Bingo Night on February 24th. This will be a free event for families.
* STEM night will be held on the 14th of March.
* Hubbard Woods is in the process of slating their board for next year.

**Crow Island Report: Maxie Clarke**

* STEAM expo went well
* Immigration Day was also a success
* Parent Party will be held on March 2nd.
* Math Night will be the 28th and the 29th of February.
* Crow Island is working on nominating their board for next year.
* A coffee will be held for parents whose children will be transitioning back to Crow Island as first graders.

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

* The PTO is sponsoring a “Friday Night Lights” party at Washburne tonight. It will include a DJ, Graters and Starbucks giveaways, an Apple photo booth, and basketball and gym games.
* Sarah and Kelly are working on their nominating committee for the board for next year.
* The Carlson Night Event was a great turnout with over 100 people in attendance.

**Superintendent Report: Trisha Kocanda**

* Maureen Miller was the recipient of the “Making it Happen” award. Which was presented to one educator per state that is showing excellence in the field of technology. She will be honored at the end of February.
* Staff was given a survey about their satisfaction with the school district. The results show over 90% satisfaction.
* Institute day was held on January 22nd. Staff was able to sign up for different courses that were a continuation of their staff development at the November Institute Day. Ninety percent of staff said the day was highly effective.
* The Winnetka Village president came to the board meeting this month to discuss the proposed “TIF”. The district will be working with the village on an intergovernmental agreement.
* There was a great response to the survey given to the community about their priorities for the district with *Future Ready.* The results showed that the top two priorities for the community include Future Focused Educational Design, and Class Size.
* The survey results were consistent with the staff priorities as well.
* The *Future Ready* core team will be meeting many times in the next month leading up to the March 12th Board Meeting where concepts will be shared with the community. It will be an idea sharing meeting where concepts will be proposed for each school.
* The board approved 6 families to stay at Hubbard Woods instead of returning to Crow Island in the fall.
* Kindergarten registration is still low with 103 students registered.
* On March 1st kindergarten families in the Crow Island area will receive their school placements for the fall.
* On February 13th the 3rd annual Pre-K Kindergarten Alliance Summit will be held at the Botanic Gardens. The theme for this year is creativity.
* Trisha’s assistant Linda, will need to know if we want any change made to the Infosnap language for PTO donations.
* Next month a few members of the school board will join our Central PTO meeting to gain insight and feedback. Three questions will be addressed. What do we appreciate about our school district? What concerns do we have about the district? How do we feel about the direction the school district is headed? This meeting will take place at 9:15 prior to the regular scheduled board meeting.
* Our board is interested in having a tour of the newly renovated New Trier East campus. Maxie will follow up on scheduling a tour.

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

* Nat explained that the district surplus in funds is being held until *Future Ready* plans are in place. There are a few areas where funds are being used immediately. For example, the schools are having accessibility upgrades and Washburne is having pipes repaired. These are areas where improvements could not be deferred.

Next Meeting: March 2nd at Skokie School