

Central PTO Meeting Minutes

11/6/2020

Attending:

- Maxine Clarke
- Sara Dahlstrom
- Jane Devron
- Emily Heinlein
- Sarah Levi
- Missy Shinall
- Trisha Kocanda
- Megan Riley
- Allison Wiese
- Victoria Willer
- Megan Panje Wilson
- Kate Van Flack

District/Superintendent Update (Trisha Kocanda):

- Discussed ongoing COVID mitigation efforts and overall success with these efforts across schools
- Plan to maintain hybrid/in-person learning as long as it continues to be safe to do so
- Reviewed successful use of substitute teachers and existing staff to manage staffing during quarantines
- Discussed potential steps to mitigate risk following holiday travel by teachers and students
- Reviewed steps that are being taken across schools to refine and improve remote learning, based on parent, teacher and student feedback
 - Common approach and calibrated learning times in grades K-6
 - Remote learning extensions, office hours with teachers and other steps at Washburne
- Discussed that strategic planning has resumed and will continue internally
- Reviewed Fall MAP testing, including that norms for comparison are from 2017
- Parents flagged need for improved communication between schools/principals/teachers with parents, and brainstormed ideas for improvement

Central PTO Budget (Allison Wiese):

- Shared a budget update, insurance and audit

Miscellaneous:

- Discussed school plans regarding how to adapt Buddy Programs during COVID
- Reviewed need to continue to welcome new families to the District, as well as how to make students who are new to their schools (i.e., 5th graders at Skokie and 7th graders at Washburne) feel a sense of community