Winnetka D36 Central PTO Meeting Minutes—January 11, 2019

In attendance: Molly Dolkart, Kendal Reis, Nat Roberts, Tricia Kocanda, Nicole Rivera, Tracy Winslow, Bridget Orsic, Kendra Drozd, Elizabeth Stucker, Kirby Doonan, and Emilee Wolfe

Bridget (Washburne):

They started their composting program and it is going well. It is PTO funded. They will see status and see if PTO will keep funding.

Skokie ordered snow shoes for KW

Washburne will spruce up the “Burne”

Dance-a-thon for Lurie’s, Skokie 5K (March 15th—for Children’s Cancer), trying to make a joint effort to do things with both Skokie and Washburne.

There was a discussion on service learning, and making sure students truly understand the issues instead of just having isolated projects.

Kendal (Hubbard Woods):

Day of Service Friday the 18th – making memory kits for the Elderly from 1pm-end of day.

Feb 10—dance in gym, Bingo party on 24th

PTO slating has started and usually is set by March

Kirby (Crow):

They are planning a parent/teacher party at Pinstripes (community building) March 1st

Steam expo in Feb, math nights--using funds from run-a-thon to purchase items that touch all students in the school (equipment for KW and art).

Elizabeth(Greeley):

Grounds committee said two trees are rotting and need to come down. They are using funds from Dream Green to take them down, and the Village committee will plant new trees. They will do a ceremony around Earth Day.

Greeley Parent Party “Sleep Under” at Glen View Club to help support enrichment programs

Sweet Mandy B’s fundraiser for Valentine’s Day

Revamping Stem night with new RC director due to low participation in the past

Slating—Missy Shinall is going to be president (committee is current/incoming President and principal)

Tricia: Online Kinder registration is up—85 currently registered (a little under from last year)—please encourage people to register!

They are in the midst of searching for an Asst. Superintendent--should be named in Feb

At the end of Nov they presented at a conference for special ed

Finalizing new board member orientation plan

June 7th will be last day of school (added half day)—As of the Jan 11th

Draft of 19/20 calendar will be at Feb board mtg

Alliance for Early Childhood Preschool/K summit on Feb 7th is sold out--Keynote speaker is Dr Zarr. Feb 6th 7-8pm is parent event with Dr Zarr

Carlson event next week with Trung Lee—Thursday night, Jan 17th

April 2nd Referendum: had approval by the Board, 90.6 million and district is putting in 10 million from reserves

Webpage dedicated to referendum will be live next week—one page pamphlet fact sheet with costs, impacts, etc

Launching meetings—Jan 24th is by invite only at Washburne—7:15am (30 min panel presentation and then Q and A sessions—high level overview) giving community leaders the facts they need to inform people

Dedicated email address for people’s questions

Scheduling presentations to community organizations

Will have facts sheets at each of the schools

Handed out date sheet for community outreach for comments—format of mtgs—general presentations and then open to Q and A—dates and times will be finalized next week and sent electronically

 Also offering meetings with Superintendent and a board member to the community—3 different dates by appointment only

Working on meshing the Skokie/Washburne community

RFQ for architects went out in Dec—60 packets sent out to different firms, responses due Jan 15th, using some community architects to help advise

Full board will be involved in the decision

Districts don’t invest in design until referendum is approved

Next Meeting: Friday, February 1st 9:15am