

Central PTO Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: 10/04/2019

LOCATION: Skokie School Community Room

IN ATTENDANCE: Maggie Bietler, Deirdre Franklin, Michele Giczewski, Trisha Kokanda, Christine Morse, Julie Pagliaro, April Potterfield, Missy Shinall, Megan Panje-Wilson

Individual School PTO Updates:

Crow Island Update - Christine Morse

- Representatives from the Winnetka Park District (WPD) met with Christine and Missy to discuss how to improve our working relationship with them. (This was prompted by a few experiences in the 2018/2019 school year and in particular experience at Crow Island Woods picnic)
- The outcome - the WPD will work with the PTO staff to be more relationship oriented vs. transactional. All PTOs will provide advance notice and the WPD will provide a checklist
- John Shea from WPD will attend the 1/10/2020 meeting.

Central PTO Update - Julie Pagliaro

- Lunch vendor status - Julie and Holly met with Brad who provided valuable suggestions on how to conduct and 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

- Parent volunteer names provided for Social Emotional Committee
- Parent volunteer names provided for schools 100 year celebration

Greeley PTO President Update - Missy Shinall

- School year off to a great start
- Question about paypal fees. Do we pass off? Or is it covered or built into the cost?
- How to handle requests for school gift fund donations
- Some build into cost and some absorb the cost

Skokie/Washburne - April Porterfield

- Betty Weir has returned from maternity leave
- Social dance has concluded with the last dance held with parents.

- The PTO responded to a previous behavior incident which involved a very small number of unruly students at the dance. In place is protocol moving forward on how to handle any behavior issues.
- To resolve the incident, parents, teachers in advisory and administrators were engaged. Additional parent volunteers will attend with specific instructions on handling.
- A request for additional recess/ outdoor time was brought up by parents

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. Pursing 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 nut 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
-
- 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

