**Central PTO Meeting Minutes**

**12/17/2021**

**Attending:**

* Kelly Azim
* Molly Cassin
* Maxie Clarke
* Lisa Farrell
* Anna Gardner
* Michele Giczewski
* Trisha Kocanda
* Kim Ronan
* Leigh Sears
* Dan Waters
* Stacey Wilson

**District Update (Trisha Kocanda)**

* Covid update – The township will offer covid testing opportunities after winter break.
* February conferences will be on the two conference days only, across all the three schools.
* Tic Toc Threat – out of an abundance of caution, district had increased police presence today. District always has good communication with police department when treats arise.
* Board expects a high vaccination rate. Right now, vaccination rate at Washburne is at 98%. Board wants to plan for an exit ramp/exit strategy on covid mitigations. Other cities are moving towards a mask-optional strategy. Trying to work with the government to build some momentum on a plan. Expect a more robust discussion in January.
* Zoom session with Doctor Mike Brooks on Jan 7 to focus on technology education.

**Board Update (Maxie Clarke)**

* Beginning In January, the board will be heavily involved in a referendum for November 2022. A new architecture firm and a citizen task force came together and recommended to the board an essential upgrade plan. New plan is 59 million, which is 31.2 million dollars less than previous proposal. Tax impact on a million-dollar home is $832.
* Plan includes all essentials - electrical, plumbing, HVAC, safety and security, while keeping all five schools open. Every building would get many of the critical needs. Jan/Feb/march will be a huge outreach push. In March community will be polled. If on the right track, vote would be November 2022. If passed, Summer 2023 would start construction.
* Board members would like to attend upcoming School PTO board meetings to discuss/inform.

**Central PTO Updates**

**Molly Cassin:** Next month calendar committee begins. Surveying families and staff about Thanksgiving break. Calendar will be publicized by February. Next Central PTO meeting is January 28th.

**Central PTO Budget (Kim Ronan): $**15,000 in central PTO fund balance. Stuart Rodgers school photos are centralized now, because previously they charged schools different amounts. As a PTO we want to be as transparent as possible about fundraising. Each PTO should have a policy about how much they keep in fund balance year to year.

**School PTO Updates**

**Skokie Washburne (Lisa Farrell)** – Just approved teacher’s wish list. New gaga ball set. Working with Betty and Andrew on social media awareness. Screening of “Life” is coming up. Handed out holiday checks to teachers. Plan to spend some of PTO money on visual improvements of Skokie/Washburne lobbies.

**Greely (Stacey Wilson)** – Book fair was a success. Raised over $5400. 91% contribution to staff/teacher gift fund. Holiday staff breakfast was well-received.

**Crow Island (Kelly Azim)** – Had book fair in person. Also collected books for Bernie’s Book Bank. Winter sing occurred outside in three groups. Today is the sack supper day to put together food for the homeless.