**Central PTO Meeting Minutes**

**2/23/2022**

**Attending:**

* Trisha Kocanda
* Kim Ronan
* Leigh Sears
* Dan Waters
* Stacey Wilson

**District Update (Trisha Kocanda) / Board Update (Dan Waters)**

* Mask-optional is now the policy at all the schools, including adults and visitors per the Board decision last night. We are all encouraged to continue with the message of kindness and respect regardless of masking status.
* Community engagement process is in full throttle for the downsized capital improvement projects. Many community meetings underway, trying to reach as many people as possible.
* Barry Rodgers, Director of Innovation, is resigning at the end of this year. Starting a search process for a new Director of Innovation, Teaching and Learning. The new candidate will work closely and cohesively with Students Services.
* District is working with the Alliance on a project called “Chasing Childhood,” which focuses on social and emotional learning, and encouraging kids to be kids. The focus is on play as part of the childhood experience.
* PTOs encouraged to get the word out for Kindergarten registration. Early registiron is important for staffing planning.
* Initial staffing was presented to the Board last night. Small reduction at Crow Island and Hubbard Woods. Skokie will get a reduction and classes to move to about 20 from 16. Class sizes will not increase until the year after next. They will also look at reallocating staff across the district that will not affect FTE. They have 30 requests for early literacy intervention for 3-5 year-olds whereas in the past it was usually around 8 at this time.
* Board approved new playground equipment at Hubbard Woods and Crow Island.

**School PTO Updates**

**Greely (Stacey Wilson)** –One school, One Book is wrapping up with the book *The Wild Robot*. Greely partnered with the Winnetka Library for this initiative. Pre-order for spirit wear is underway.

**Crow Island (Kelly Azim)** – Completed the STEAM expo with sessions broken up into grade levels. Math Night is coming up in March. Upcoming parent night with the principal that reviews what kind of quantitative data is being used to evaluate grade level and school by school. Starting to plan for the 4th grade celebration.

**Hubbard Woods** - Just finished the month of Community Service with a focus on what it means to be a good citizen and how we can help others. Worked with the New Trier Food Pantry, local nursing homes, and partnered with the Diaper Bank in Evanston to donate and package diapers. World Travelers is this week, a tradition at Hubbard Woods. Staff Appreciation is coming up the second week in May.