**Central PTO Meeting Minutes**

**5/6/2022**

**Attending:**

* Kelly Azim
* Molly Cassin
* Nissa Cox
* Lisa Farrell
* Anna Gardner
* Michele Giczewski
* Trisha Kocanda
* Kim Ronan
* Emily Rose
* Leigh Sears
* Dan Waters
* Stacey Wilson

**District Update (Trisha Kocanda)**

* Trisha started with a thank you to central PTO for the work this year.
* Last School Board meeting focused on the 5th-8th grade work. Many ideas have been set forth and the task force will now take over to identify goals. Focuses include the Washburne schedule, K-4 literacy focus.
* New Director of Innovation, Teaching & Learning is transitioning– she is invested in the progressive approach. New search for role of Assistant to Director of Services, Equity and Inclusion is in progress.
* Crow Island has an uptick in covid. Some events (spring sing) have been rescheduled, but none have been cancelled. Decisions are based on absences. Teachers are showing up and we have healthy sub coverage. Parents encouraged to keep children home if showing any covid symptoms.

**Central PTO Updates**

**President (Molly Cassin):**  Next year there will be a new committee to re-write by laws with an attorney. Incoming Slate: President – Sarah Alt. Secretary – Stacy Burgoon. Treasurer – Erin Kelly. V.P. Communications – Still working on placement.

Families were not involved or part of the process for finding and selecting the new Superintendent, and there is some frustration in the community. Some concerns about Kelly Tess and her interactions with parents / students during her time as Principal of Skokie School.

**Central PTO Budget (Kim Ronan):**  We have a $10,600 in account. Expect balance at year end of $9,500. Need 7K at start of year next year, so the $2500 will go towards the bylaws revision.

**School PTO Updates**

**Skokie Washburne (Lisa Farrell/** **Michele Giczewski)** – Teacher Appreciation week is going well. Viewed movie Angst and had coffee to discuss. Field Day is on schedule. Social Dance starts tonight. 8th grade graduation on track. And a new 8th grade lunch will be planned at year end to celebrate the students.

**Hubbard Woods (Nissa Cox)** – Did some additional teacher staff appreciation. Field day plans, 4th grade farewell plans. Big event is Mayfest in two weeks. It’s been three years since school has held this event. Sunday, May 22nd.

**Greely (Stacey Wilson)** – Had Family Fun Night last week with DJ, ice cream truck. Huge turnout. End of year family picnic scheduled.

**Crow Island – (Kelly Azim)** – Spring events happening, 4th grade celebrations, family picnic.

**Board Update**

**Emily Rose** – Kelly Tess will be holding listening sessions at all of the schools. She will attend PTO meetings. There is a video message coming out today. Kelly has experience with referendums and intends to be part of the process. We want to bring the community together and move schools forward, so please encourage families to attend listening sessions.