**Central PTO Board**

 **Minutes of Meeting**

 **February 8, 2013**

Location: The Curricular Room, Skokie School

Members Present: Susan Felitto (President), Nancy Riddle (VP Communications), Kim Pedraja (Secretary), Beth Filip (Board Liaison), Lisa Lux (Treasurer), Stacey Cohen (President-Skokie/Washburne PTO), Lili Roche (President-Greeley PTO), and Dr. Thomas Hagerman (Superintendent of Winnetka Public Schools)

Guests Present: Julie Melulis (Skokie/Washburne FAN Liaison), Michelle Kane (2011-2012 Central PTO President and current Nominating Chair)

**1.** **Secretary’s Report: Kim Pedraja**

The minutes to the January 2013 meeting were approved.

 **2. Central PTO Nominating: Michelle Kane**

* Has to be elected as Chair. Voted in during meeting.
* Five nominating members required for nominating committee (three Central PTO, two non Central PTO). Members were voted in. Those members will be: Michelle Kane, Julie Melulis, Susan Felitto, Nancy Riddle and Kim Pedraja. 1st meeting to be held in March. Date TBD.

 **3.** **FAN Update: Julie Melulis**

* Last speaker for month of February is Kay Jamison, PhD. She is the author of An Unquiet Mind. She will be speaking February 26th on mental health and depression. Sixteen sponsors will be partnering on this topic. Also, high schools outside of New Trier Township are partnering on this program for the first time.
* Emily Bazelon will be speaking on March 6th. She will present a piece on bullying. Winnetka 36 is partnering on this topic.

**4. Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Hagerman**

* Busy time in district. Upcoming board meeting will be a continued discussion of tax levy options. Elizabeth Hennessey coming back again in the work session. Subcommittee formed that put together an historical perspective of the district. Projection for next 10 to 15 years- we are going into a deficit model even in keeping with current enrollment and expenditures. March board meeting will include informal discussion on projection of deficit model.
* STAR and ISAT assessments currently underway. Two fundamental changes with ISAT this year are: introduction to Common Core State Standards (CCSS). 20% of the questions will come from CCSS. Students are not familiar with it. Second is changing cut scores by making them higher across the board in every content area except for 8th grade reading.
* Looking at slight downward trend in enrollment next year. Projection of 200 less students.
* Administrative evaluations currently going on. This year process is based on student achievement.
* Instructional Time Study presentation done at last board meeting. Every school except Washburne will have a different schedule. Scheduling likely to be a year behind.

**5.** **Treasurer’s Report: Lisa Lux**

* Passed out all of the schools’ certificate of liability.
* Passed out checks for Greeley.
* Cannot get debit or credit card on checking account. Looked at several options including a credit card that allows direct link to checking account. Five dollar fee per month.

**6. VP Communications Report: Nancy Riddle**

* Infosnap- confusion for parents about where their fees are going. Dues are $20 per family, not per child. Nancy to revise text for next year’s registration.
* Draft of online volunteer form for Hubbard Woods sent. Looking for feedback. Want to know if programs are meeting needs. Also, looking into parents’ talents (ie graphic design, marketing, technology) as they relate to changes in district focus. Question about including some type of demographics on families (ie percentage of parents that are working, are we meeting their needs, how many kids are staying home for lunch, etc).

**7. Hubbard Woods Update: Given by Nancy Riddle**

* Looking at Facebook page for Hubbard Woods community strategies to help with building community and connections. Will also help with volunteerism. Focusing on future room parents. Will be mentored by veteran room parents. Currently has a connections committee. They will send out an email to parents to ask for volunteers to help the teachers.
* Teacher Appreciation Week coming up. Planning on providing 10 minute manicures and massages provided through the Village. Notes from students and parents will be made into posters. Some of Friday’s lunch food will be donated as well.
* For Earth Day, students are interested in using globe that foundation purchased. Students will create a campaign around upping recycling and creating awareness.

**8.**  **Greeley Report: Lili Roche**

* Moving towards a room parent shift. Eliminating dues and moving towards a model of room parent more as a teacher assistant.
* Plans for playground renovation completed. Benefit to be held in April. Working on getting grants for items such as permeable concrete, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.