

WINNETKA 36 CENTRAL PTO
March 6, 2015
Notes

Welcome– Cynthia Cata

Secretary's Report – Janet Beatty
Approved last months notes

Lynn Wellehan/Lori Miralies – discuss directory payment through Infosnap

The group decided to not use INFOSNAP for payment of the directories or DirectorySpot for this first year. But will collect directory info through infosnap

FAN Update/Nominating Committee Update – Nancy Fehrenbach

FAN will be sending out their funding letters soon.

Monday, March 16th – Carrie James, Disconnected, Youth, New Media and Ethics

Monday, March 23rd – Bryan Stevenson, American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity and Making a Difference.

Nominating Slate

Heather Smith – President

Lynn W - Communications

Amy Polachek – Treasurer

Sarah Ridder – Secretary

We will be voting on this slate at our April meeting. This Slate should be posted on the PTO websites.

Superintendent's Report – Trisha Kocanda

Susan Pingatore will be retiring this year, we do have a strong candidate to interview.

Conference Season:

They will be running a study to see how many students were out the week of conferences.

Skokie and Washburne will have a conference schedule next year. The group suggested a small winter break, long weekend for Presidents Day followed by conferences a week later.

Washburne Principal Search

Parent Survey went out

Ex Board met with our search firm

Staff also met with our search firm

Search Firm met with our students and were impressed with them.

The benefit of a search firm is they are focused only on our position. They are the best for middle schools.

The goal is to have someone named by the end of March but will extend the timeline if needed to get the right fit.

The average tenure is 3 to 5 years for principals.

May recommend that the assistant principal job not be a split position.

Safety Study Categories:

We had only 3 projects, this will be 20 million over 10 years.

Chimney at Skokie

Entry Way at Skokie

Air conditioning/heating

PARCC

IT people and principals have done a great job with testing

Different number of questions rotated over the different testing periods

We are on the States map for refusals, we will be audited/investigated by the State.

If a student refuses, parents will get a call.

Washburn is our highest refusal.

School Board Report – William Meuer

Reviewed and approved calendar

20 Board policies being updated from the State

No increase for Adventures and Learning

President's Report – Cynthia Cata

Review by-law changes

Hubbard Woods suggested we include a provision to the bylaws regarding the authority to remove school level committee chairs or members for cause. Cynthia will work with Georgie on the proper wording.

Treasurer's Report – Karen Hawkins

None

VP Communications Report – Casey Russell

None

Hubbard Woods Report – Jen Hayes

They will be using Stuart Rodgers for their school photos

Greeley Report – Irene Zmudka

Bingo Night was a huge success this year with prizes

Our STEM night is Wednesday, March 18th

We met with Team Reil on Dream Green and a timeline is in place to complete our new play area by the end of school year.

Skokie-Washburne Report – Erika Kreisa and Neily Hallerman

Every Monday Matters 5K run on Saturday, March 16th

Crow Island Report – Shannon Preda

UV on the windows in the foyer

Coding Club will begin after Spring Break for six weeks at all the K-4 schools.

Science/Math Expo for 3rd and 4th grade was successful and had great participation

Revamped 3rd/4th Grade Parent / Child Math Night had very positive feedback.