Central PTO Board Minutes
Friday, April 10, 2015
Skokie School Curriculum Room

Present: Cynthia Cata (Chairperson), Karen Hawkins (Treasurer), Janet Beatty (Secretary), Neilly Hallerman (Co-President Skokie/Washburne PTO), Shannon Preda (President Crow Island PTO), Irene Zmudka (President Greeley PTO), Georgie Geraghty (Hubbard Woods, PTO), Trisha Kocanda (Superintendent), Nancy Ferenbach (FAN Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am.

Approval of Minutes – Janet Beatty
Minutes from the March 6, 2015 meeting were approved.

Superintendent Report – Trisha Kocanda
The School Board had an uncontested election and three new board members have begun their orientation. Thanks and recognition was given to the outgoing Board members.

Greg Kerr has been hired as the new CFO.

Approval was given for the restoration of full time principals. The Washburne Principal search is underway.

The Winnetka/Northfield Chamber of Commerce luncheon was held on Wednesday where four District 36 teachers were recognized for their 25, or more, years of service.

This past week the transition meetings for incoming 5th and 7th grade students took place.

The Learners is out with a new look.

FAN Report – Nancy Ferenbach
Last night Frank Bruni spoke at the Northfield Campus.

Coming up is Gregory Kramer. He’ll have 3 events over the days of April 23 – 26th. George Valliant will speak on May 5th and 6th.

If you have any thoughts or ideas for future speakers, contact Lonnie Stonitsch.

Executive Board Slate Vote – Nancy Ferenbach
Nancy announced the 2015 – 2016 Executive Board Slate for a vote
  - Heather Smith – President
  - Lynn Wellehan – Communications
  - Amy Polachek – Treasurer
  - Sarah Ridder – Secretary

The Slate was approved unanimously.
Georgie Geraghty commended Nancy on her leadership of the Nominating Committee.

**President Report** – Cynthia Cata
The By-Laws were reviewed and amended one final time. They were voted on and approved unanimously pending changes that were discussed. They will be posted on the Central PTO website. Individual PTO’s should also post the By-Laws on their schools website.

**Treasurer Report** – Karen Hawkins
The Budget will be sent out via email for review and will be voted on at our next meeting.

**Crow Island PTO** – Shannon Preda
Trisha will be coming to visit for follow-up discussions on her Entry Plan. Principal Julie Pfeffer is presenting a proposal to the School Board to request funding for an additional swing set. Committee volunteer forms are out. The budget for next year is being worked on. They will vote on their Executive Board Slate at their May meeting.

**Hubbard Woods PTO** – Georgie Geraghty
Trisha has been to visit for her follow-up discussions. Their Executive Board Slate has been approved. All of the Committee Chair positions have been filled. They are currently making funding decisions for the $100,000 they have on hand. This money was originally set aside for a possible turf project. They have received input from the teachers and PTO and are looking at several options. Possibilities are Imagination Blocks, a classroom to be used as a project space, funds for future artists in residence for the project space and using some of the funds for their 100th Anniversary celebration.

**Greeley PTO** – Irene Zmudka
Trisha has been to visit for her follow-up discussions. They broke ground for their Dream Green project. They are hopeful it will be finished by the end of May. Their new website has been launched. STEM night went well with a big turnout. Their Dollar Days, small fundraiser, will take place on May 6th and 7th. They’ve hired Amy Hillardes to run their lunch program next year. They will vote on their Executive Board Slate next week. They are currently working on their committee chairs and volunteers.
Skokie/Washburne PTO – Neilly Hallerman
Their Slate is done and will be voted on at their next meeting.
Requests for Committee volunteers will go out next week.
For Earth Day Washburne will be composting for the week.
They are currently working on their budget. They have some money to spend but
with an interim Principal are finding it hard to get requests.

Our next meeting will be on May 8th at Cynthia’s home.

The meeting concluded at 9:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Beatty
Secretary