

**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 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 – 26<sup>th</sup>. George Valliant will speak on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 8<sup>th</sup> at Cynthia's home.

The meeting concluded at 9:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Beatty

Secretary