

Central PTO Board Minutes
Friday, December 5, 2014
Skokie School Curriculum Room

Present: Cynthia Cata (Chairperson), Casey Russell (Vice Chair-Communications/Technology), Karen Hawkins (Treasurer), Janet Beatty (Secretary), Nielly Hallerman (Co-President Skokie/Washburne PTO), Shannon Preda (President Crow Island PTO), Irene Zmudka (President Greeley PTO), Trisha Kocanda (Superintendent), Nancy Fehrenbach (FAN Liaison), Bill Meuer (School Board)

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

Approval of Minutes – Janet Beatty

Minutes from the November 7, 2014 meeting were approved.

Superintendent Report – Trisha Kocanda

A Winnetka Parent Institute focusing on math was held. More than thirty parents attended and the feedback was very good. The presentation will be posted to the District website.

The PARCC will replace the ISAT. This is a computerized test given in both March and May. The Administration is working thru the logistics and procedures of the testing. Sometime in January there will be a presentation for parents to learn more.

Trisha thanked the PTO Presidents for allowing her to come into their schools and talk to students regarding her Entry Plan. She has gotten great feedback. A formal report will be made in February/March. She is on track with a focused Strategic Plan.

The Teachers Association and District voted 7-0 in support of a 5-year contract.

School Board Report – Bill Meuer

The yearly audit went fine. It passed with the highest honor.

Alison Hawley presented on the math plan.

Beth Martin gave an overview of the specialized services and RtI project.

Four plans were presented on the Tax Levy. The Board is in support of having a \$4 million debt reduction.

There will be no Jr. Kindergarten next year.

FAN – Nancy Fehrenbach

NSSSED will be a provider to FAN.

The final program this year is on Dec. 8th. Claude Steele will be at Evanston to talk about stereotypes. Programs will start up again in January.

President Report – Cynthia Cata

We will look at the By-Laws and Infosnap in January.

Treasurer's Report – Karen Hawkins

Waiting on one more piece of information in order to finish the audit.

Vice- Chair, Communications/Technology – Casey Russell

November minutes are on the website.

Two domain names were renewed.

Greeley PTO – Irene Zmudka

Greeley held their book fair for the second time with Scholastic. They raised \$4,800.00.

They've had an indoor recess already. Everyone was happy with how it went. They split students between a movie and the Kindergarten room. The first grade sponsored the November lunch.

Crow Island PTO – Shannon Preda

They also held an indoor recess. Space is an issue. They're rotating students 20 at a time. They have carts with games on them.

The 4th grade Peace Power committee held a toy drive and will donate items to Lurie Children's Hospital.

Skokie/Washburne PTO – Neilly Hallerman

They would like to know what the other schools are doing regarding consistency in gift giving to the teachers. Trisha will share the District's policy on this.

The meeting concluded at 9:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Beatty
Secretary