**PTO Executive Committee Board Meeting**

March 7th, 2018

In Attendance: Nidhi Singh, Kate Kligoria, Beth Carmody, Julie Oleshansky, Dana Bulan, Kendal Reis, Lauren Leboyer, Flannery Buchanan, Abby Burtelow

1. Welcome – Nidhi Singh
2. Approval of Minutes—Julie Oleshansky
   1. Motion to approve: Lauren Leboyer
   2. Second: Nidhi Singh
3. President’s Report
   1. Special board meeting at 7pm Washburne on Monday March 12th. The core team is introducing their models and will have a survey in the session. All options will be presented. The important piece is that they are presenting the different options and asking what we want for Winnetka long term.
   2. BINGO night – was a great success and next year it may be a good idea to get chairs for this event.
   3. STEAM night is next Wed. March 14th 6:30-8pm, which is a better time frame for younger kids. We are short on volunteers so please let us know if you can volunteer.
   4. The slate for next year is not finalized yet, it’s still being worked on and will be voted on in April.
4. Principal’s Report – Beth Carmody
   1. Enrollment and staffing for next year are being looked at - next years first and second grades are right on the cusp of possibly needing another staff member.
   2. If you know families that are moving into the area encourage them to register so HW can configure class sizes and hiring.
   3. HW has a new head custodian Federico – coming from Washburne.
   4. Humphrey series is going very well and we are having great feedback. Discussions about how to keep up with this momentum and to perhaps have Federico come read the last chapter out loud to the students.
   5. Spring sing is approaching. This year it’s student driven and will have great content focused on this age group.
5. Teacher Liasion Report: Dana Bulan
   1. Kindergarten is finishing their bird unit and shadow plays which is very exciting.
   2. 2nd grade is getting ready for the star lab and they’re very excited. It is being set up in Mrs. Edwards room.
   3. 3rd grade is working on drones and getting ready for the Pioneer Room.
   4. 4th grade is working on sewing aprons for The Floured Apron. They will be sold and profits donated to The Floured Apron.
      1. Expert reports are being done currently.
      2. Students are meeting about STEAM week in May. They are writing and producing their own opera around the theme of immigration. The students will have a backstage tour of The Lyric and then begin writing after spring break. This will be a collaborative effort with art and music.
      3. After that they will gear up for Camp Edwards
      4. PARCC testing is right after spring break.
6. School Board Meeting Update – Kendal
   1. Future Ready meeting is underway
   2. Presentation by Beth Martin about Special Education and the direction. It’s a huge priority for the district – it’s a work in progress but a very inclusive approach.
   3. Daniel Ryan had a presentation about the evolution of staff throughout the district. There will be more staffing around special education. Full time psychologist roles throughout the schools. They will have a coaching capacity working with teachers and with the whole teacher student population to figure out where the needs are.
   4. Resource centers are being looked at in a more 21st century way. Each school will need a resource director plus 1-2 technology facilitators to assist.
7. Treasurer’s Report – Abby & Kate
   1. Abby updated forecast. We will be just fine and please think about where to spend the surplus.
   2. Parent party was great for funding. Abby will check with Jenny to see how they set up the party to allow for such great funding and donations for next year.
   3. Ways and means has money available.
   4. Spirit wear has a surplus currently.
   5. Mayfest is very conservative – we should be okay here even if there is a rainy-day forecast.
   6. Cardboard challenge – extra funds available here to be used.
   7. Discussions about how to use extra funds:
      1. More assemblies for the school
         1. Tie it in with Humphrey series or another book series
         2. Game shows could be a very fun idea
         3. Recruit 1-2 people to chair these events
      2. Cultural Arts
      3. Experiences for the teachers and students
   8. Think about budgeting for more book clubs for next year (perhaps 3 instead of 1).
   9. Field Day: Buying T-shirts for Kindergarteners. Discussions about changing the quality of the t-shirts to “next level” which was softer.
   10. Meet in May regarding the budget. Does the group want to meet prior to May to review and then vote in May.
8. Vice President’s Report –Kendal Reis
   1. School supplies – Abby will be in charge of this. Does someone need to shadow Abby next year to get ready to take over?
9. Communications Report – Lauren Leboyer & Flannery Buchanan
   1. Back on track with regular schedule for messenger.
   2. Flannery has a google drive and her goal is to have everything loaded by the end of the week.
   3. Everything has been simplified on the website so it’ll be much more user-friendly. Google calendar from district will be linked to it.
   4. Soft Launch soon and then have Mayfest be the big reveal (when people are purchasing their tickets).
10. Discussion Items:

*Meeting Adjourned: 10:53am*