



## **PTO Executive Committee Board Meeting**

*February 2, 2022*

**Attendees:** Beth Carmody (Principal), Gary Wendt (Teacher Representative), Nissa Cox (President), Anne Babick (Vice President), Anna Anderson (Treasurer), Elke Rehbock (Assistant Treasurer), Amy Kay (Communications), Michelle Cullen (Assistant Communications), Jessica Newell (Secretary), Sara Dahlstrom (Previous PTO President)

*Call to order at 9:05am.*

### **AGENDA:**

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

#### **School Board Presentation on Referendum**

Maxie Clarke and Emily Rose (D36 School Board Members) presented info on Nov 2022 referendum.

#### **VP Report (Anne Babick)**

Grounds Update: met with the District building and grounds rep, noted areas that need updates. District is re-tuckpointing the front fence, replacing the wooden fence on NE corner, replacing roofs on the structures and having them inspected - updates will take place this summer. Bids out in February for that work on the lower playground. PTO trying to decide how we can help with the landscaping - we've asked Red Spade to help with NE corner/outdoor space teachers use w/students and for staff lunches. Waiting for a bid to review. Idea is to wait for the district to replace the fence. PTO may be able to kick in funds to help with the playground (lower).

Room Parents – Feb. email content: Valentine's day (reminder on no food/treats), will include Kiddo's survey link, reminder about conferences (sticking to your time slot, show up on time, etc.)

Treat for teachers/staff on Thur Feb 17<sup>th</sup> (conference day): we will provide something for the staff on this date.

#### **President Report (Nissa Cox)**

Kiddo's Survey: closes 2/16, to date we have received 19 responses, survey link going out in room parent email.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus at NT: such a fun event - huge thank you to Gary! Close to 40 kids attended - such a great turnout and morale boost for the 4th graders and their families.

Month of Community Service: we are in week 3 (Senior Citizens) and have one week to go (Diapers). Messaging has been plentiful, teachers have been including this in their updates. We will do a recap/summary in the next Item.

#### Coming Up:

Faculty Fun Lunch: Feb 11

World Travelers (Iran with Sani Family): Feb 22-25

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: March 7-11

Lost & Found donation (Cradles to Crayons): March 25

will continue to donate to Cradles to Crayons and promote organization

#### **Principal Report** (Beth Carmody)

We are going to do something around the Olympics - leaving it up to the teachers to decide.

Winter Showcase decorations will start to come down soon. Kids really love it being up on the walls, so the process will be slow.

Staff was so appreciative of the shoveling out last Friday. Thank you!

#### **Teacher Representative Report** (Gary Wendt)

WGST wish list: the desk looks amazing - the rendering is being updated as well as the final color confirmed. Working with some tech people and broadcast journalism teachers from NT to help with some consulting on how we should format our desk. Also working with a Washburne teacher that runs a (club level) studio for feedback. We want to be sure that our teleprompter tech is available to all types of readers.

Spring Sing: typically this is held the week before Spring Break, in the evening, and takes place at Skokie School in the auditorium. Thoughts to push this to later in the school year so that we can sing outside? A lot of feedback from Winter Sing was that students wanted to sing LIVE to their families. We will form a brainstorming team to talk this out.

#### **Secretary Report** (Jessica Newell)

Minutes: 1st Motion: Anne Second: Anna - January minutes approved.

Mayfest Update: times confirmed for 11-3pm, raffle announcement 2:30pm. Event will be outside only and dependent on weather (no rain date). Carnival tickets are non-refundable if purchased in advance.

Nissa and Jess will go to the basement to evaluate the state of the Mayfest games.

#### **Treasurer Report** (Anna Anderson & Elke Rehbock)

Venmo update: working on setting up a business account but encountering issues because of the shared PTO EIN #. Elke working on getting this resolved. 4th Grade Farewell chairs will be used as a "test group" to ensure it works properly.

PayPal - we are granting access to the Mayfest treasurers to set up links and run reports.

Small group from Exec will begin meeting in March to talk about next year's budget.

#### **Communications Report** (Amy Kay & Michelle Cullen)

Jan School Board Meeting Report: masking and mitigation strategies. Class action lawsuit that the district is a defendant. Decision was supposed to be last Friday. Once decision is made there will be an emergency school board meeting. School calendar survey - aligning D36 calendar with NT calendar for Thanksgiving results were 50/50. 2023 Calendar will be finalized next month. Adventures in Learning will be back to normal this summer and taking place at Skokie. Talks on the Strategic Plan on Early Literacy. Next Item is 2/13, we're working on Teacher Appreciation and Mayfest to lock in communications schedule.

*Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> (Michelle)*

*Next Exec Meeting: Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> (Jessica)*

*Meeting adjourned at 10:57am.*