



**PTO Executive Committee Board Meeting
February 8, 2023**

Attendees: Beth Carmody (Principal), Anne Babick (President) Nissa Cox (Past President), Michelle Cullen (Communications), Lyanna Berkowitz (Asst Communications), Elke Rehbock (Treasurer), Amy Sullivan (Assistant Treasurer), Sachiko Kawata-Burke (Teacher Representative)

Not attending: Jessalyn Garvey (Vice President), Lesley Stump (Secretary),

Call to order: 9:10am

Welcome

Secretary Report (Lesley)

- January Minutes approved
 - 1st motion: Nissa
 - 2nd motion: Elke

President Report (Anne)

- Updates/Gratitude
 - Parent Paddle Party – huge success! Well attended social event
 - Clothing Drive – thank to you all who contributed; A large pile was collected and will be sorted this week. Kindergarten/1st grade classes will put together school supply packs as their service project to donate to C2C
 - Kindergarten Mom’s night out (Social Committee) – save the date for March 8th; venue at Good Grapes; Discussion to start grade-level social events for Fall 2023
 - Bingo Night – upcoming; date in March/April, depending on gym availability
 - Math Night – upcoming: date to be determined, Kate Edwards will run with volunteers
 - Referendum - Aunt Ruth’s garden – no update
 - Central PTO- canceled
 - RC Furniture – no update due to C2C drive (Jessalyn and Liz Delzell run – currently focused on C2C month of service)
 - Marlas update - Marlas received a thank you from parent for including Spirit Elephant as option. New teacher ordering feature that has been well received from faculty and staff. World Travelers committee is exploring using Marlas

to offer catered lunch to students in conjunction with World Travelers as an opportunity to incorporate feature country's cuisine. Marlas will also cater Teacher Appreciate Week breakfasts and luncheons.

- PTO Nominating Committee – upcoming Zoom on February 23 to review slate; put proposed slate in the Item on March 19/April 2 issues; April 5 have PTO Exec and vote; new slate announced on Item #16. Should we reach out to new families add to room parent email?
- Coming Up
 - Month of Service Learning
 - 2/6 Students sort the donated items
 - 2/14-2/17: Grades 2-4 hand-deliver packages to Cradles to Crayons
 - 2/27: World Travelers - Netherlands
 - 3/6: Teacher/Staff Appreciation – teachers most appreciate notes/"grams" from students/parents to be posted on classroom doors; snacks/lunch/gift cards will also be provided
 - 3/13: Spirit Week – no update yet
- School Board Meeting Summary (Lyanna) – HW town-hall reps from each grade level (1-4) presented to the board about the importance of Town Halls. Kids did a wonderful job. New 2023-2024 school calendar (start Sept 5; last anticipated day June 13; week holiday for Thanksgiving; less Teacher Institute days); student activity fees will be reinstated after hiatus from previous years.
- District Updates:
 - Carlson Event – wonderful event; was well attended; D36 schools demonstrate what WPSF has donated to the schools
 - Winnetka Voices Podcasts, 2/14 11:30-12:30 – highly recommend; very informative on what is happening in D36 schools
 - Coffee with School Board President @ Peets, 2/14
 - 3/21 K-8th Math Programming Washburne,
 - AIL March registration

Principal Report (Beth Carmody) – Putting together a Faculty Retreat for the Spring, in planning stage. 4th grade Leadership Group (2 reps from each classroom) attended a presentation from SWANCC; working together to spread the message to the school via WGST. Greeley is latest school to use composting; suggestion on Greeley PTO IG to not use single-use plastic bags for snacks, use reusable bags.

Teacher Report (Sachiko Kawata-Burke)

Faculty Spotlight – Appreciate being recognized in IG stories. Monday staff meetings – staff would love snacks/coffee, to brighten their days/meetings. (bi-weekly); Perhaps assign grade level to donate snacks; RULER presentation at WPI recorded 3/14 – check location.

Communications Report (Michelle & Lyanna)

Send faculty spotlight on IG on Pres Day; Item just went out on Feb 5; Teacher/Staff Appreciation blast to go out – requesting monetary donation and gift cards; Kindergarten Moms night out blast send to K room parents only; IG stories for upcoming pizza fun lunch;

work on forms to pay for events; no Zelle/no Venmo; Will request a summary of Month of Service for Cradles to Crayons events to include in upcoming Item.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33am

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 21 (Lesley)

Next Exec. Meeting: Wednesday, March 8 (Lesley)

Next P,P,VP Meeting: need to reschedule from 2/28