



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

**Attendees:** Beth Carmody (Principal), Anne Babick (President), Jessalyn Garvey (Vice President), Nissa Cox (Past President), Michelle Cullen (Communications), Lyanna Berkowitz (Asst Communications), Elke Rehbock (Treasurer), Amy Sullivan (Assistant Treasurer), Lesley Stump (Secretary)

Meeting called to order 9:09am

**Welcome**

**Secretary Report (Lesley)**

- Vote to approve previous meeting Minutes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Anne
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Michelle

**President Report (Anne)**

- Updates/Gratitude
  - Successful Month of Service Learning! PTO sent thank you cards and gift cards to staff as a thank you for their additional help and volunteer hours.
  - March World Travelers will highlight the Netherlands. Adding Marla's and food options to include Dutch pancakes. Next World Travelers will be in May and focus on Ireland.
  - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week – Marla's is offering teachers flexibility to order their own breakfast. PTO created a Bar Cart Pit Stop – Snacks and drinks. Personalized cookies and donuts, etc. All the kids are making notes and posting on the doors. Liz Delzell helped facilitate kids creating the notes after RC book check out.
  - Nominating – Nissa – Vote in the new slate at the next PTO meeting and include in the next Item.
  - Considering increasing the committee and budget for next year to work on all Teacher/Faculty Appreciation and Treat Days throughout the year – “Faculty Lunch & Treats”
- Coming Up
  - 3/10: 8:45-9:30 SEL parent coffee
  - 3/13 Spirit Week – TBD, moved to later in Spring

- 4/17: Earth Week (assembly), teacher treats (Committee working on an Earth related presentation), Nissa working on teacher treats
- Family Math Night - Wed. 4/12 – Kate Edwards to help facilitate and then PTO support. Potential opportunity to include 4<sup>th</sup> grader leadership group
- BINGO – TBD
- World Travelers - 5/1 (Ireland)
- Camp Edwards 5/12 – contracts cosigned by kids and parents to ensure we have safe bodies and safe language during the field trip
- Bike Rodeo - 5/17
- Mayfest - 5/21 – similar to last year with a few subtle changes
- Spring Showcase - 5/24
- Field Day-6/1
- 4th grade farewell – committee is brainstorming ideas of how to celebrate the day
- School Board Meeting Summary (Lesley)
  - Dr Kelly Tess and Mr Dan Waters addressed feedback received from an organized group not affiliated with the school district regarding books included in the K grade level’s “My Family and All About Me” units at Crow Island School.
  - Skokie and Washburne students shared how Project Based Learning has changed and benefited their academic growth.
  - Beverages with the Board - Emily Rose is bringing back Beverages with the Board, giving the community an opportunity to connect with board members.
    - March 13 9:30-10:30am
    - April 12 11-12pm
    - Peets Coffee
  - Dr. Tess highlighted Winnetka Voices, a podcast by the Winnetka Public Schools. Apple, Amazon, Spotify, Google
  - Mid year updates on school improvement plans and district initiatives
  - Educational Master Facility Plan - 2023-2024 Staffing Plan – projected full time will remain the same for next year, classified staff decreasing by 1, administration decreasing by 1.
  - Bid recommendations – Board approved Bid Package 2 for the summer work at Greely and Hubbard Woods.
  - Traffic Study around Crow Island
- District Updates: construction timeline, registration, AIL register at noon TODAY

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

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade leadership groups working on recycling and then Spirit Week
- Encouraging registration for all Kindergarteners
- Teacher Appreciation has been so well received
- Currently fully staffed at HW

### **Teacher Report (Sachiko Kawata-Burke)**

- Next Faculty Spotlight – HW Custodians

- SEL presentation Friday, 3/10

**VP Report** (Jessalyn)

- RC furniture – meeting with district representatives next week to go over fabric and material samples. Next meeting will present the choices. Install Fall 2023

**Treasurer Report** (Elke & Amy)

- Yearbook orders

**Communications Report** (Michelle & Lyanna)

- Communications schedule – new items include BINGO night and Math night

*Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 21 (Anne)*

*Next Exec. Meeting: Wednesday, April 5 (Jessalyn) \*Jess Newell attending to discuss MAYFEST updates*

*Next P,P,VP Meeting: Tuesday April 4, 9:15am*