

Central PTO Meeting Minutes
12/22/2023

Attending:

- Leigh Dyer
- Caitlin Denfeld
- Joanne Wallace
- Lindsay Anthony
- Rachel Alport
- Jessalyn Garvey
- Lisa Farrell
- Emily Rose
- Kelly Tess
- Dan Waters
- Melanie Walsh
- Gina Gooden
- Becky Mathison

President (Leigh Dyer)

- Update

District Update (Kelly Tess)

- Updates on the board highlights
- Update on the schools and construction - HW is taking shape at high speed and looks like a building. Playground will be moved which will be preferred by neighbors and HW staff. They will have a bigger field with better drainage. Crow Island construction will start this summer. Crow Island will get a new playground as well with new landscaping that the Village will assist with.
- Talked about Strategic plan K-8, literacy skills, word study, and review of curriculum. Looked at growth for the curriculum cycle. Working with the Reading League, 64 teachers are part of the recommendation for the curriculum change.
- Illinois will come out with new legislation this January and our program already aligns with the new standards.

Dr. Becky Mathison (Innovation, Teaching and Learning)

- Update on the current pilot programs going on in grades K-8th grade.

Board Update (Emily Rose)

- Update on construction
- Crow Island construction plan was approved and is moving forward.
- Lots of new work to come in the new year

Treasure Update (Joanne Wallace)

- Update on balance.
- Plans for next year to make it easier for families to find it and make payment on the D36 website.
- Each PTO contributed \$1,000 towards the Central PTO.

Crow Island Update (Lindsay Anthony)

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Greely Update (Rachel Alport)

- They had a successful Book fair

- Redo/fix up the teachers lounge
- Looking into a new school sign
- Looking for a new vendor for school spirit wear
- Talked about parent coffees and how to get dads more involved by coming up with topics that would interest them

Hubbard Woods Update (Jesslyn Garvey)

- Update on how they will handle and improve the ordering of school supplies for next year and cut cost for families
- Some updates on plans to decorate the new hallway.
- RC received new furniture and everyone is really happy with it.

Skokie and Washburne Update (Gina Gooden and Melanie Walsh)

- Weekend warm-ups were successful
- Planning for a February 2nd - Winter Bash for 7th and 8th grade students
- Looking for a new spirit wear company
- Will make another push for PTO dues in January

*Next meeting is Friday, January 26th.