

CENTRAL PTO MEETING

March 20, 2025

9:15-10:30 AM

Attendees:

Nissa Cox

Anna Anderson

Mary Scordo

Maggie Williamson

Kristen Bilton

Courtney McConnell

Lauren Osborn

Jess Newell

Alyssa Rapp

Kelly Tess

Central PTO President: Nissa Cox

Nissa welcomed the group.

Minutes from 2/28 meeting were approved by each member of the Central PTO board.

Treasurer: Anna Anderson

CPTO dues: for budgeting purposes collect \$10 per student. Projected numbers per each school shared with treasurers.

Approved Note for dues: Rather than the Central PTO collecting dues separately (as done previously), a portion of your PTO dues (\$10 per student) will cover Central PTO expenses for services that are required for all District 36 PTOs: Directory Spot, insurance, and audit/accounting management, etc.

Bylaws: 90% complete, draft due to team by May for vote.

Communications: Maggie Williamson

Website hosting: off-record conversation, working on solution

New staff adds to Directory Spot will come from District

Transition reports for each role shared from current to slated Exec

Secretary: Mary Scordo

Meeting minutes posted to CPTO website for 2023-24 and 2024-25. Mary to add all posting instructions to transition report for next slate.

District Update: Kelly Tess

Andrew Fenton (Washburne Assistant Principal): moving to Lake Forest

Luke Livingston (Crow Island Principal): moving to Washburne Principal

Kelly talked about the hiring process:

- Principals: focus groups, 2-session interviewing all managed by an outside firm
- Assistant Principals: District working on building a 'bench' of people who have aspirations to grow into district roles

Contract process for Principals: first year is a one-year contract, then followed by a 3-year contract.

Fall 2026 kindergarten school year will go until 3:15pm, there will always be an option for half day. This change is mandatory in Illinois by 2027.

Board Update: Alyssa Rapp

Yearbooks: moving forward all yearbooks will be covered by District Registration.

Bus fees: 2025 fall fee drops down to \$500 to increase ridership.

School Board resignation – 60 days to fill open seat and her remaining 2-year term.

Skokie Update: Lauren Osborn

NA

Greeley Update: Kristen Bilton

Landscaping: District vs. PTO management.

Kelly shared a long-standing agreement with Parks and School districts – in exchange for using our facilities they update our greenspaces. Parks labor team have pulled back on willingness to do projects. Every year support is renegotiated. Complaints about grounds go to District and that goes to Parks.

Proposed solution for next year: buildings come together and work with CFO moving forward.

Shannon Nezzal is lead at Park District.

Hubbard Woods: Jess Newell

NA

Crow Island: Courtney McConnell

NA

Upcoming meetings:

April 25th

May 23rd meeting will include Central PTO exec slate and building PTO presidents