

**PTA Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

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Michelle Albers
Margaret Harrell
Melea Smith
Beth Diviacchi
Kristie Szejner
Kerri Samuelian
Michelle Caruso
Beth Hosler
Heather Schuster
Megan Corrigan
Jill Kelley
Courtenae Trautmann
Phil Fernandez
David Moyer

Call to order at 7:05pm by Casey Braun

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from February 2018 meeting by: Jill Kelley and Phil Fernandez

District Communications: Melea Smith

Email blast sent to community to sign up/apply to be part of the Community Advisory Team, relating to the Master Facilities Plan. Participants in Focus 205, Thought Exchange, State of School, etc., were sent the email. Purpose of this group is to communicate and review information before it is shared with the entire community (not decision making). Approximately 20-25 people will be chosen. It will be formed by making sure all schools and community members are represented. If email was not received, you may access link to sign up, via the District 205 website. York High School created, signed and sent a banner, showing support, to Stoneman Douglas High School.

School Board Update: Dr. Margaret Harrell

Dr. Harrell reiterated the importance of the Community Advisory Team, as well as how necessary communication will be. Even if you are not chosen to be part of the team, everyone's comments/input is valued and appreciated.

Superintendent Update: Dr. David Moyer

1. Dual Language at Fischer is full. Very impressive turnout for first year. Approximately 70 students signed up with 50/50 split between Fischer/non-Fischer students. Three classrooms of DL expected. Positive for District and Fischer.
2. Master Facility Plan- no update needed since Melea and Dr. Harrell provided update.
3. Defined STEM Pilot, as presented by Dave Beedy at the February 13th BOE meeting, is being rolled out. Projects under this program are acceleration, Eureka, math intervention,

maker spacers, etc. Students participated in presentation. Highly suggested to view that part of the BOE presentation.

4. Elmhurst Police Department resource officers will be meeting with schools, if not already, to discuss school safety. These presentations are raising some concerns. Parents are also looking for reassurance that their children are safe in school. Many safety concerns/questions were raised relating to door safety, lock down drills, security cameras, safety tools, school safety assemblies and panic buttons throughout district buildings. There is a concern for the March 14th walkout and keeping children safe, once outside of building. Safety is always a priority and there is an established Safety Committee comprised of School Principals, Fire Chief, Deans, Police Officers and the City Crisis Coordinator. They meet to discuss safety solutions. The school maintenance staff and Security are looking at and assessing doors/safety. Some of these questions/issues raised are part of the Facility Master Plan and being taken to the community.

5. There is also concern over D205 facility usage as anyone can access facility in evening or on weekends, during open events (Scouts, Y-Ball, park district, etc.). District is aware, however being a public building there is no real solution, plus it is D205 students/groups using facilities. There is only so much District can do. At times, when a lot of events are occurring at one location, security is provided.

Board Reports:

Scholarship-\$9.2K raised (Ladies who Lunch (\$3.3K); Fannie May (\$2.9K); Elmhurst Brewing (\$3K)). Thirty-two (32) applications received- those applications will be sent out for review/scoring.

Presidents Report: Casey Braun

DuPage region PTA sponsoring free event with Glenbard Parent Series, "Calm Parenting" on March 8th- no registration required. This years last Superintendents coffee at Lincoln has been changed to April 25th at 10am. The most recent Superintendent's coffee at Jackson was well attended. Security and Facility Master Plan was discussed. Reflections reception will be on March 9th, 6:30pm at Judith B's salon. Thank you to Michelle Wehrle for all her hard work. Summer Rec Open house had more than 100 camps/offerings on-site.

Questions from School PTA Presidents:

- 1) When is the last day of school? Barring no additional snow days, it is tentatively May 25th, but final day will be finalized and communicated in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm by: Phil Fernandez and Courtenae Trautmann