

**PTA Council Meeting
December 5, 2017**

Call to Order: Casey Braun

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from November 2017

Superintendent Update – Dr. David Moyer

Dr. Moyer shared information from his blog about the impact of the property tax freeze

School Board Update – Chris Blum

District Communications –

Melea Smith was unable to make the meeting but wanted to encourage parents to please take the 5Essentials survey. We need 20% of parents at each school and district-wide in order to receive a report in March. We have until January 31, but if we could get this done before the holidays, that would be great.

President's Report

Clarification on the role of the PTA Council. Main purpose is to inform and help disseminate information.

The PTA does not support or oppose an individual running for office. The PTA can take a position on an issue or issues.

The state PTA has a legislative platform that is approved by the delegates at convention to address supporting or opposing a bill. When a new bill regarding the welfare of children is introduced, it is reviewed. If the content supports our platform, we support. If any part of the content does not support, we oppose. If the content is not defined in our platform, we watch. The platform allows us to make these decisions without holding a vote of the delegates every time a new bill is introduced.

At a local level, a PTA member wishing for the PTA to support a commission, tax increase, city ordinance, etc should bring it to the PTA general membership as a motion. As long as the issue is clear and does not go against the mission, vision, or bylaws of the PTA, it should be discussed and voted on.

Council Committee Chairs

Reflections – Michelle Werhle

We had great participation across the district again this year; we received 80+ entries. District judging completed last week and Elmhurst is advancing 48 entries to the Regional level. We shared congratulations in the Districtwide email and are working on a media release for the local papers. Regional judging will occur mid-late December. We are going to be displaying selected entries at the Elmhurst Art Museum and a few local businesses in February. Additional information will be shared in January.

SERG – Kristin Boxall

Just Don't Be Weird: Tips for Talking to Tweens and Teens about Sexuality

Presented by: Kim Cook, RN CHES and Author of [Teen World Confidential](#)

When: Thursday, January 18th, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Where: District 205 Admin Office, 162 S. York, Room 216

In this lively presentation, parents and educators will:

- Understand the importance of open communication with young people about sex and relationships
- Recognize barriers to open communication

- Learn strategies to enable open communication
- Understand the unique challenges of young people with special needs as they mature sexually
- Learn how to support children with special needs about their sexuality
- Feel supported and encouraged as they talk to their child about sex and relationships

Summer Rec Open House – Jill McCall

SROH is Tuesday, February 6, 6-8 p.m. in the York Commons

Unit President Updates/Questions

Attendees discussed acceleration and the changes at the middle school.