

PTA COUNCIL MEETING 10/3/2017

ATTENDANCE:

Alison Dondlinger
Becca Harpster
Michelle Caruso
Patti Berner
Megan Corrigan
Kerrie Samuelian
Beth Hosler
Stacy Hildy
Heather Schuster
Dave Moyer
Melea Smith
John McDonough
Ana Nichols
Paula Ciccarone
Courtenae Trautmann
Kristie Szejner
Jill Hayes
Casey Braun
Michelle Alvers

Call to order/Pledge

Casey Braun -any changes to the minutes?

Motion to approve Ana Nichols/second Stacy Hildy

PAULA CICCARONE – ELMHURST WALK IN ASSISTANCE NETWORK

What is EWAN – what can it offer?

Anyone can be added to mailing list – annual appeal/annual bbq fundraiser

Started in 1997 – three women from various churches started organization– used to be called Elmhurst Walk in Ministry.

Just gave out their millionth dollar this year

Have to be an Elmhurst resident/or have a child in Elmhurst schools/or belong to an Elmhurst church

Can offer assistance with rent, mortgage, utilities

Mehta motors does car repairs

Nucara pharmacy for scripts

Gate keeper for IC food pantry

Help with job listings

Resources for those in need

Snack program for schools – 700 students have free or reduced lunch. York delivers snacks to social workers at various schools in district to be distributed.

EWAN CONT'D

Hope Fund – flexibility with spending dollars for families in unusual circumstances or emergency need for families.

Dental Program as well – location St. Peter's Church – open Monday-Friday 10am-12pm.

Just wanted to make us all familiar with their mission. Create awareness so people can be directed their way when in need.

DR. MOYER UPDATE:

Rigor and relevance model

Homework is based on quadrant A – memorizing, regurgitating info etc.

Trying to help kids be successful when they leave D205. Goal is to develop critical thinkers.

Quadrants A&B is school

C&D is college and real life application – ultimate goal is to get kids to quadrant D

Student centered organization

Rigor isn't about more homework it's about thinking vs workload

Hoping to create more student ownership in their learning

Technology is to be used as an accelerator of learning not a driver of learning

Rigor rubric included as well in handout

Students initiating questions, students helping students at higher level of rigor

JOHN MCDONOUGH SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE:

Budget just approved for 2017/18 school year at last school board meeting

Had a better understanding this time of what aid was coming from the state since they approved their budget.

State has been behind 1-3 payments but hopefully will catch up now

Reformulating general state aid – 5-8% of budget comes from state

Amount from state will freeze from amount received in 2016. Will not decrease.

Most of our money comes from our property tax dollars.

Not a lot of new revenue to be found but nothing decreased from state.

District Budget is in deficit - dipping into reserves vs. making district cuts this year.

Talks continue with city of Elmhurst about the deficit of TIF 1 money – according to 2004 inter governmental agreement. Feel as though the city has not complied with its promises from 2004.

Moyer adds: Will have to make some corrections to budget this year bc we cannot continue to operate with deficit spending.

JM: Will have to make some choices this spring about next year's budget.

Moyer adds: Choices may not be tough – he understands various wants/needs need to be met – small class sizes at elementary school , electives at high school...feels as though we can still enhance programming but need to build in some sustainability.

MOYER/MCDONOUGH CONT'D:

Framework and cost was presented about all day kindergarten. Demand is there for all day K. Need to figure out facilities, structure and cost to run this. All but one of our comparative districts have all day K.

67% of districts in DuPage County have all day K. Highest performing districts have all day K. There are cost neutral ways to do this.

Working now to determine what the community will support.

Demand is there just figuring out how to pay for it.

53% of 4th graders are reading at grade level after Fountas and Pinnell evaluations were conducted.

This makes all day Kindergarten important.

If we move to all day K it would be optional.

District joined the O'hare Noise Compatibility Commission.

MELEA SMITH UPDATE:

October 25th Elmhurst Commission on Youth hosting speaker Brent Sopol former Chicago Blackhawk.

7pm York Green and White Gym

JILL HAYES TRESASURER REPORT

Need to approve the budget.

Beth Hosler/Michelle Albers to second

Budget passed

EMILY BASTEDO/HEIDI MAIER VP SCHOLARSHIP (presented by Casey Braun)

Elmhurst Brewing Company event in January

Pots with a Purpose - working on something with them as well

Please email them your scholarship chair contact info

PRESIDENT/CASEY BRAUN UPDATE:

Proof of paid insurance please send to Casey

Next superintendent coffee is 10/16 @ Bryan 10am

No legislative report

Reflections update: individual schools are kicking off their programs

Entries due 11/20. Judging 11/30 at the library

Looking for volunteers to judge entries

Hoping to display items at businesses around Elmhurst

Lincoln/Churchville/York do not have chair people but Michelle will help those schools participate if they'd like.

Motion to adjourn Alison Dondlinger/second Michelle Albers