

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

**Attendees:**

Michelle Caruso	Suji LaBine	Michelle Huber	Heather Schuster
Kristi Amendola	Chris Ferreri	Rebecca Harpster	Mindi Kaploe
Carey Murphy	Casey Braun	Dr. Dave Moyer	Jill McCall
Kelly Asseff	Beverly Redmond	Heidi Maier	Lara Stavridis
Patti Berner	Laura Gibson	Elena Cutri	Beth Diviacchi

Call to order at 7pm by Kristi Amendola

Pledge of Allegiance

During the review of the yet approved October minutes, it was pointed out that there was an error on the location of a prior REACH meeting. It indicated Sandburg but was held at the Elmhurst Public Library. A motion was made to correct the error. The October 2018 meeting minutes were approved, with the amended location, by Chris Ferreri and seconded by Mindi Kaploe.

**Superintendent Update (Dr. David Moyer)**

- District 205 and the City of Elmhurst are very close to reaching a comprehensive settlement that resolves all outstanding items.
- ESAA/School report cards are available and have been emailed out. For information about the school report cards, go to Dr. Moyer's blog. The District has created a voice over Power Point to shed perspective on school ratings. You can also access this via YouTube.
- Regarding Innovation and Transformational Leadership Network, the District continues to work throughout the year to develop Action Plan. It will start with a focus on interdisciplinary learning with pilots at all grade levels. The District intends to ramp up its focus on issues related to behavioral health.
- Dr. Moyer recently attended the International Center for Leadership in Education's Fall Leadership Academy with a team of High School administrators and department chairs. Dr. Moyer was a guest on Bill Daggett's Facebook Live segment.
- No questions for Dr. Moyer

**School Board Update (John McDonough)**

Not available for meeting

**District Communication Update (Bev Redmond)**

- We are on Referendum watch. It has been a very robust last several months. Bev thanked all attendees for help in getting people to polls, donations, etc.
- We continue to work on transparency, as a district.
- State report cards for schools are out and available. Analytics will be provided at the next meeting.
- Veterans Day program at Churchville- Live Feed at 2pm on Districts Youtube channel
- There will be new PTA websites over the next few months to bring a fresh look. It is a content management system and will be easier to use. PTA Presidents to have some type of training.

**PTA Council Board**

**Treasurer (Mindi Kaploe)**

Thank you to all who played in the Wizard Game. Thank you for submitting all necessary reimbursements. If you do not have a check and are owed one, let me know.

**Recording Secretary (Anne Zimmer)**

no update

### **Corresponding Secretary (Michelle Caruso)**

no update

### **Programming (Casey Braun)**

Referendum 101 meeting was a small group, but it went well. Looking into options for the second half of the year. Mindi stated they did a great job promoting. Would have been great to have more people but word was out and there were so many other places to gather info on Referendum

### **Scholarship (Heidi Maier)**

There will be no fall fundraiser. Will work with Chef Marco for a fundraising event (he was formally with Cafe Amano). Will do "Ladies Who Lunch" and Fannie May. Fannie May changing delivery and no longer delivering to homes. Will need to investigate the logistics of that further. Candy will be delivered April 8th, for Easter. Hoping to make \$10K/10 scholarships of \$1K each.

### **Presidents Report (Kristi Amendola)**

- Kristi had a meeting with Inland Bank on Spring Road. They would like to support our PTAs. Committed to help being part of PTA community. They offered 1) any PTA's bank not supporting or charging fees, please let them know. No fees would be charged for PTAs 2) Wants to be supportive of our groups 3) if you need donations, feel free to contact them. 4) Consider Kiwana's for grants or fundings as they have access money to donate.
- All Science Olympiad school reps need to be sent to Kristi. Jackson brought up idea of having committee chairs collaborate. PTAs can share ideas and update programs together. Moyer stated that Dave Beedy can assist with ideas, as well, so reach out to Moyer if needed.
- Kristi has Memberhub call on Thursday- let her know if you have any questions or issues so she can address with Memberhub

### **Chair Positions**

#### **REACH (Patti Berner)**

Thank you for all PTAs donations. Thank to Dave Beedy for attending meeting. Please let Patti know if you have any questions. REACH believes that the movie screening will be "The Race to Nowhere". REACH meetings are always on the 2nd Friday of the month at the Library.

#### **Reflections (Michelle Wehrle)**

Reflections have started and information should have been sent to all students through school. Entries will be due within the next few weeks. If interested in judging, contact Michelle Wehrle. First round of judging will be November 22 at the Library. Judith B will display those that advance to state level at Judith B Salon sometime in early spring.

#### **SERG (Elena Cutri)**

Thank you to all people attending the SERG meeting as there was about 50 people. A lot of great questions. Emily Bastedo discussed transition center and provided tours. In January, SERG would like to host a parent panel for the transition of elementary to middle school and middle school to high school. It will give advice/ideas on what parents should be asking teachers. Survey will be sent to parents with IEP or 504 plan in district.

#### **SROH (Jill McCall)**

75% of schools have reps- if you do not have a rep, please try and get one. Our first meeting was tonight. Date of SROH has been changed as there is the Middle school band festival that night, so original date is not available. It was changed to Wednesday, February 6th from 6-8pm. We need to make sure that the district

calendar is accessible and used by all so we are not competing with events. Bev to assist so this does not happen again.

**Unit President Updates/Questions**

Chris Ferreri stated that Learning and Teaching is no longer funding Brain Pop. Discussion on how many PTA's are being asked to purchase it and how/if can we fund it, collectively, as a group. Moyer stated that the District stated that based on curriculum, interventions, usage patterns of that program, it was underutilized. Once no longer available, people/teachers were requesting it so approval was granted to ask PTA to fund for a one year basis. There are many other programs out there and available, so research is being done to see what is really used and needed. Moyer to send out data based on usage report on program.

Question was asked if any schools have a Math League, for grades 1-3? Most PTA's have Math night but not Math Leagues.

**New Business**

No new business

**Upcoming events**

No upcoming events discussed

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mindi Kaploe and Rebecca Harpster at 8:00pm

*Respectfully submitted by Michelle Caruso, Recording Secretary*