

PTA Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Attendees:

Laura Gibson	Michelle Caruso	Laura Wise
Christine Ferreri	Kristi Amendola	Mindi Kaploe
Michelle Huber	Becca Harpster	Elena Cutri
Beverly Redmond	Casey Braun	Natalie Perry
Anne Zimmer	Beth Diviacchi	Sean Cullen
Patti Berner	Heidi Maier	Dave Moyer
Heather Schuster	Jill McCall	Michelle Wehrle
Jennie Beal	Lara Stavridis	

Call to order at 7pm by Kristi Amendola

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of meeting minutes from March 2019 by Lara Stavridis and seconded by Patti Berner.

Superintendent Update (Dr. Moyer)

Senate Education Committee passed PE bill with a 9-7 vote. This bill will prove to be catastrophic to our schools. It mandates 50 minutes of PE/day at middle school level and 30 minutes per day at elementary school. This is state wide and will affect all schools, not just D205. This will cost the district \$1.4M to implement. The PE class must be taught by a certified PE teacher, which would mean the district would need to hire more PE certified teachers. In order to implement, significant cuts to music and arts among the district would be made, as well as Spanish cuts in grades 3-5. There would be no music and arts in ½ day kindergarten classes, cuts to music/arts in elementary and reduced levels in middle school. Only alternative is to go back and open teacher contracts as the school day would need to be extended. A request was made to Bev to create a form letter that would auto-populate information so families could speak out against it to legislature. If passed, it would be implemented on January 1st of the following year.

A follow up meeting will be held with Edison and Bryan teams on facilities in about a week, and the board shortly after. On April 23rd, facility layouts will be shared publicly. In May, meetings will be held at the individual schools and will take feedback from community members so we can move forward. Then the process will begin again at Lincoln.

There will be an all-day Kindergarten meeting on May 6th and suggestions will be presented at the following BOE meeting. Thoughts are we will be able to get that project moving sooner than later? How will it be rolled out? This is still in concept/discussion stages and must be presented and board approved. Committee is trying to be as equitable as possible to each school.

Planning for the secure entrances at all schools and some of the smaller projects will be started soon (late fall/early spring). Lincoln process to start in fall. Safety committee has met and today, Todd Schmidt, visited the school entrances in order to prepare for security upgrades.

School Board Update

No representation at meeting

District Communication Update (Bev Redmond)

New website launched on April 1st. Positive feedback thus far. We will be working out kinks or any bugs on the website. Trying to get that done by the end of the school year. There is an email on website to submit comments or suggestions too. Thrilled that we can enhance this communication tool. There will be a user survey to community on how it is working.

District working on all day kindergarten mailer to get it out to community, once BOE decides on early implementation of program.

Let Bev know if there is anything you need or want to highlight at your school so the website can focus on the great things going on at D205.

BOE voted on new boundaries and that will be rolled out on June 1, 2022 (new boundaries will go into effect). Communication plan being worked on. There is a meeting next week for communication to realtors, etc. The 2022 date was chosen in order to provide the proper amount of time to coordinate, allow for turnover, people moving for new school, housing Lincoln and Field students while construction occurs and to balance enrollment.

PTA Council Board Update:

Treasurer (Mindi Kaploe)

Reimbursement forms are available via online and hard copies today. If anyone requested a check over Spring Break, they will be going out this week. Give Mindi a heads up if you have a lot of checks coming in. Any questions, let her know.

Corresponding Secretary (Anne Zimmer)

no update

Recording Secretary (Michelle Caruso)

no update

VP Programming (Casey Braun and Beth Hosler)

Still planning meetings on Angst and planning for Behavioral Health programming. Finding dates are proving difficult, but we will have something. Still working on plans throughout the next year.

VP Scholarship (Heidi Maier & Emily Bastedo)

Scholarship exceeded goal of over \$10K (\$11,684, plus Potbelly). There are 61 applicants (a record). A lot of awesome students, so it will be hard to decide. Conrad Fischer had the most Fannie May sales among all schools. School Reps are great this year, and very helpful.

President (Kristi Amendola)

Slate will not be presented until after elections since multiple PTA Council members are running for School Board. We will have slate out before April 7th for the 30 day period required before the next meeting on May 7th (PTA Council election day)**. Presidents should send school PTA slates over asap to Kristi. Ideas for next year is to have a president meeting every month after the regular PTA council meetings. Also thinking of having specific topics, at those meetings, every month.

Fruitful Yield would like to partner with local PTA's to help out and generate more foot traffic for their business.

Chair Positions:

REACH (Patti Berner):

Third and final parent night for all new REACH families was well attended. Deb Lee did a great presentation (1 hour 15 minutes meeting). Parents had more questions about math and Dave Beedy will address some of those questions at a meeting in May. REACH has excess money and can distribute to REACH teachers- please send requests to Patti. Middle school reps put together a freshman ready workshop on study skills, implementation, organization and time management. To date, 30 students have registered for program. First REACH social at Elmhurst Brewing Company (parents only).

Reflections (Michele Wehrle):

There were 112 entries, with 27 advancing to regional and 24 to state. Three received honorable mention at state and one advanced to nationals. On May 5th, at Millikin University, anyone that advanced to state will have their projects displayed. All are invited to attend, not just the students that advanced.

SERG (Elena Cutri):

Last month, a meeting was held with discussions on results of the survey and children's IEP experiences. It was amazing and very beneficial to all. Reminder that SERG and the Elmhurst Public Library will be hosting documentary, "Intelligent Lives" on May 14th.

SROH (Jill McCall):

SROH had a large amount of volunteers (Key Club) and it was well attended. There were some camps that were unable to attend due to change in date. Jill spoke to Bev about the District having a more active role in this event to help select date and facility use. Positive feedback from the group on this event

Unit President Updates/Questions/Upcoming Events:

Be Internet Awesome workshop on Apr 24th at Sandburg. Please promote/advertise in Talk 205 and in all schools newsletters. This is part of a National PTA program called Be Connected. It is based on Parent to Parent discussions on internet safety. After workshop, link will be sent out for all to use.

Printer friendly flyers/registration sheet will be sent out to all for June 2nd Running Club event at Fischer. Please encourage families to come.

Inquiry was made about any further discussions from last meeting on collective fundraising or how to move forward. Kristi would like to discuss it with all outgoing/incoming presidents in May, as well as the district gift giving policy.

A comment was made that we need to be very transparent of schools needed projects. If a school has the ability to fundraise, that fundraiser would allow district funds to be opened up to fund/use on other projects.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Becca Harpster and seconded by Mindi Kaploe
Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm by Kristi Amendola

***On April 7th the following slate was shared with the PTA Council via email. This represents the PTA Council for the 2019-2020 school year*

President: Casey Braun

First Vice President: Michelle Huber

Treasurer: Mindi Kaploe

Corresponding Secretary: Anne Zimmer

Recording Secretary: Laura Gibson

Vice President Programming: Rachel Olson

Vice President Scholarship: Beth Diviacchi & Kristie Szejner

Chair Positions:

REACH: Patti Berner

SERG: Elena Cutri & Mary Young

Reflections: Michelle Wehrle

SROH: Jill McCall

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Caruso, Recording Secretary