

PTA Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Attendees:

Laura Wise	Michelle Huber	Kristie Szejner
Casey Braun	Suji LaBine	Anne Zimmer
Jennifer Beal	Mindi Kaploe	Dr. Moyer
Rachel Olson	Nicole Braun	Alison Dondlinger
Jill McCall	Patti Berner	Mary Young
Vicki Marini	Michelle Wehrle	Bianca Parisi
Phil Fernandez	Karen Sienko	Angie Brauneis
Gwen Eisenmenger	Jennifer Hall	Laura Gibson

Call to order at 7:01 pm by Casey Braun

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of meeting minutes from February 2020 by Nicole Braun and seconded by Suji LaBine.

Superintendent/District Update Dr. Moyer

-Thrive D205 Community Forums on March 16 (Early Childhood-Eighth Grade) and April 13 (Grades 9-12). Both evenings will be at the D205 admin building from 7:00-8:00 pm. These meetings are intended to be open community forums to discuss the types of support that students need to thrive and become life ready.

-The March 17 Board of Education meeting promises to be full of information, with presentations/reports on the REACH program analysis, WE survey, ThoughtExchange results, and draft policies related to homework. Please join us.

-Thrive D205 Presents: Happy, Healthy, Almost Stress-Free College Planning & Success for Parents and Students w/ National Author Harlan Cohen at York High School at 7:00 pm

-Ground breaking at Edison Elementary will be the first week of April, look for more information about a ceremony coming soon.

-We anticipate an update about Middle School honor roll this Friday, March 6.

-CoronaVirus: The district continues to remain in communication with the Department of Health several times per day to be certain we are preparing in the appropriate manner. At this time, we have general information and there is no increase in preparation or anxiety. Right now we need students and staff members to stay home if they feel sick, and wash hands multiple times per day.

PTA Council Board Updates

Treasurer Mindi Kaploe

As the year wraps up, please submit your reimbursement requests on a timely basis. Not only are we switching treasurers next year, we are also about to set our budget and having all the expenses on hand ensures that we are budgeting properly for the future. PTA scholarship submissions are due in mid March, and we have received 9 applications to date. We expect to receive more as the deadline draws near.

Corresponding Secretary Anne Zimmer

Nothing to report.

Recording Secretary Laura Gibson

Nothing to report.

VP Scholarship Kristi Szejner

We've had several fundraisers this year including Wolves game, Currito, DIT workshop, Potbelly, Chipotle, Ladies Who Lunch, etc. We have one final fundraiser with Livia next week, an eat & earn 10% all day on March 10. Despite our best efforts, we are still running a bit short of our goal of \$10,000 (to hand out ten \$1000 scholarships). If any PTAs have additional funds they would like to donate, we would love to receive them. We may look into returning to Fannie Mae sales next year, because it raises so much money. It was suggested to send a message out to York parents to help fundraise the remaining amount via donations.

VP Programs Rachel Olson

Stay tuned for additional information on Thrive D205 fall 2020 programming.

President Casey Braun

Our April meeting has been moved to Monday, April 6 at 7:00 pm. If anyone is interested, Memberhub is hosting a "Memberhub Givebacks" seminar online in the coming weeks. They are collaborating with local businesses to host events aimed at fundraising beyond membership fees.

Chairperson Updates

Reflections Michelle Werhle

We had 189 submissions this year, resulting in 51 advancing to the regional level, and 28 advancing to the state level. We will be celebrating all 189 submissions at the Judith B Salon in Elmhurst from March 14 thru April 19. On May 3, there will be a Reflections celebration honoring all those who advanced to the state level at Millikin University (Decatur, IL). Michelle is looking to transition Reflections to a new chairperson in the next year or two. If you know of anyone who is interested, please reach out to Michelle.

REACH Patti Berner

We have 3 more meetings scheduled for this school year. Dave Beedy was at our most recent meeting talking a lot about math, and online math games. Leslie will be at our next meeting, which will focus on the REACH analysis that will be presented at the March 17 BOE meeting. We have an upcoming Freshman Readiness Workshop (not just for REACH students!) on Saturday, April 18, 2:00-4:00 pm. The registration link will be coming soon. Finally, we will have a meeting on April 2, 7:00 pm which will focus on "New to REACH."

SERG Mary Young

The next SERG meeting is slated for April, the exact date to be announced soon. The focus of the meeting will be "60 Special Education Resources in 60 Minutes." We hope to highlight all of the district resources, as well as the resources right here in our community. It will be a comprehensive resource list including library functions, blogs, IEP help, etc.

Summer Rec Open House Jill McCall

Save the date - February 2, 2021. We have a date on the calendar for next year. We work very hard to determine a date with the fewest conflicts possible, looking at district events as well as other happenings within the community. It will be posted to the district calendar soon. We may look to combine the "Teen Job Fair" date with the SROH in the future. We are finding a lot of overlap since so many teens help at the SROH.

Unit Presidents Updates/Questions

Phil Fernandez - Jefferson Elementary's social worker put on an excellent program for parents called "But What Do I Say?" It focused on tools for communicating with kids, there were several resources available afterwards including books. It was very well attended, approximately 50 parents. If anyone would like to run a similar program, please reach out to Phil and he will put you in touch with the Jefferson social worker.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Phil Fernandez and seconded by Karen Sienko.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm by Casey Braun

Respectfully submitted by Laura Gibson, Recording Secretary