

Minutes

Elmhurst D205 PTA Council
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Alison Dondlinger, Angie Brauneis, Anne Zimmer, Beth Concannon, Bianca Parisi, Casey Braun, Dena Fasheh, Elena Cutri, Gwen Eisenmenger, Hilary Simonds, Jennifer Cello, Jennifer Hall, Jennifer Kramer, Jill McCall, Karen Sienko, Katharine Wagner,, Kristen Gryglas, Kristie Szejner, Laura Gibson, Mary Young, Meghan Hood, Melissa Ehmann, Michelle Huber, Michelle Morris, Patti Berner, Rachel Olson, Sean Cullen, Suji LaBine, Tracy Ries, Dave Moyer, Bev Redmond, Jim Collins

Meeting called to order by president Michelle Huber at 7:02 PM. The minutes from the May 6, 2020 meeting were emailed and APPROVED as presented.

District Reports

Superintendent - Dr. David Moyer:

- [Dupage Health Dept. Metrics & Guidelines](#) - has COVID-19 metrics to help schools decide if and when to shift to remote learning. Community transmission level is a key indicator and has three levels; minimal, moderate and substantial.
- Return to School Schedule Information - some Madison, Hawthorne, Edison students returning 9/2, Pre-K and KG 9/8, grades 1-5 9/14 and grades 6-12 will be forthcoming 9/10.
- Fall Sports are open per IHSA guidelines. Encouraged students to practice preventive behaviors while outside of school to help sports stay open.
- Operational Plan (100-Day Plan) - work with short cycle improvement goals for 1st and 2nd semester. Focus on PLC, personalized teaching and leveraging technology
- Master Facilities Plan - Projects are on budget. Sub-committees being formed for Lincoln transition.
- State of the Schools Address will be virtual and possibly held on 9/24
- Fundraising - will be discuss at PTA Council Board Meeting on 9/4

Communications - Bev Redmond:

- Expect a return to weekly D205 communications. Looking to get a balance between communicating the urgent and continuous work of D205.
- Alumni Relations working to harvest stories from Alumni to provide hope and encouragement to our students.
- Master Facilities Plan will be showcased in Build 205 to keep the community informed and exhibit progress.
- Thrive 205's 1st meeting coming up. D205 Foundation wants to help.

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Board of Education - Kara Caforio:

- Thank you PTA presidents for all that you do for the school community
- Encouraged PTA Council members to reach out to her, other board members, district leaders with any questions.
- Currently in budget deficit so looking at finances critically

PTA Council Board:

Treasurer - Jennifer Cello:

- Preliminary budget presented. 65% of the budget is from Unit PTA dues and donations. We will approve by vote at the next meeting.
- Would like to increase PTA dues by \$20 from \$60 to \$80. Increase requires a bylaws change so we will vote at October's meeting.

Corresponding Secretary - Anne Zimmer: Directory has been distributed. Please forward names as positions are filled.

Recording Secretary - Suji LaBine: nothing to report

VP Scholarship - Kristi Szejner/Dena Fasheh: Looking into new venues for fundraising. But running into hurdles of pick-up/distribution of product.

VP Programs - Rachel Olson/Casey Braun: In touch with the movie "Like" and the new "Screenagers". Virtual events are not as cost effective as initially thought.

President - Michelle Huber: Looking into whether the District can provide Zoom accounts for each PTA. An account costs approx \$120 retail. Some PTAs are using the school principal's account for PTA meetings.

PTA Council Chairperson Reports

Reflections - Michelle Huber for Michelle Werhle: Theme for this year is "I Matter Because..."

REACH Parent Group - Patti Berner: Trying to acquire a Zoom account for the first meeting on 9/11. The "New to Reach" parent information meeting is 9/14. All schools have a representative for the Reach Parent Group.

SERG - Mary Young/Elena Cutri: All but 4 schools have a representative. Zoom meeting with Dr. Rubenstein on August 13, 2020 is available for replay on SERG website and facebook.

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Summer Rec Open House Jill McCall: Please send the names of school's SROH representative. The committee will meet soon to share ideas on the SROH 2021.

Unit PTA Presidents Updates/ Questions:

Nothing to Report

New Business:

Audit Report: The audit of the 2019-2020 school year was completed in August 2020. The books were found to be correct and in good order. Recommendations are that deposits and transfers have more documentation and a financial report be presented each month. Katherine Wagner moved to adopt the audit report.
APPROVED.

"What I Need to know...or not" for Presidents - tips and information shared.

UCAA Food Drive will not have an actual tangible food drive. A virtual drive will be held so look for more information.

Next Meeting is October 6, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 PM, motion Allison.

Minutes Compiled by Suji LaBine, Recording Secretary.