

# Minutes

Elmhurst D205 PTA Council

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**Date:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 via Zoom

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

**Meeting called to order** by president Michelle Huber at 7:03pm. The minutes from the October 6, 2020 meeting were emailed and approved as presented.

## **District Reports**

### **Superintendent - Dr. David Moyer:**

- D205 COVID-19 Metrics & Dashboard: District looking to create a D205 metrics to include feeder zip codes. Will present it to the Board of Education and share with the public next week. 60126 zip code rolling average positivity rate is 7.7%.
- Return to School Update:
  - The aim is to resume hybrid learning on 11/11. Not sure we will get there.
  - Our comparison unit districts are Naperville and Indiana Prairie. District looks at what other schools/cities are doing but not all are applicable.
  - Want all kids to in school but will consider bringing back tiers of students.
  - Substitute Teachers are the TOP need.
- IHSA and Extracurricular: IL Dept of Public Health and IHSA at odds. D205 is working with other schools and legal teams to pick the path forward. Decision forthcoming.
- Thrive 205: Parent program; 11/9 "Disruption in Education & Choosing College", student program in January and start an equity conversation in spring.
- Master Facilities Plan: Dec 7 zoom meeting to update on Lincoln construction project.
- Donations: PTAs can donate funds to help bring in Thrive D205 speakers & programs.

### **Director of Communications and PR - Beverly Redmond:**

- Thrive D205 11/9 event will be recorded and available for playback for 30 days.
- York Distinguished Alumni Program - Dukes of Distinction Ceremony 11/5/20 (virtual)
- Working on Mobile Food Pantry availability over Winter Break.

### **Board of Education - Jim Collins:**

Feedback given; parents in favor of additional 30 minute instruction time, impressed with York Principal Dr Shahe Bagdasarian, positive feedback on Middle School PTC, break time needs for middles school schedules, A/B schedule for dual-language program well received, live public comments at BOE meetings.

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## **PTA Council Board Reports**

**Treasurer Jennifer Cello:** Presented statement of activities for the four months ending October 31, 2020. Reminded PTAs to file an annual report with the Secretary of State.

**Corresponding Secretary - Anne Zimmer:** updated 2020-2021 D205 PTA Council Directory. Please send your Summer Rec Open House Rep as soon as possible.

**Recording Secretary - Suji LaBine:** Nothing to report.

**VP Scholarship - Kristi Szejner & Dena Fasheh:** Cookie dough fundraiser info emailed to PTA. Sale ends 11/18. To date 86 units ordered (need 100, want 400)

**VP Programs - Rachel Olson & Casey Braun:** Nothing to report.

**President - Michelle Huber:** Thank you for turning in your Fundraising Priorities Plan.

## **PTA Council Chair Reports**

**Reflections - Michelle Huber for Michelle Werhle:** Reflections website for the district is up and linked on the PTA Council site. Entries are due Tuesday, 11/24.

## **REACH - Naoko Ostermann for Patti Berner:**

- 8th Grade Math Info Meeting (11/5) - math pathways at York will be presented.
- Math Nite - looking into take home kits, will not be held virtually.
- Math Tutors - seeking to have York Natl Honor Soc tutor elementary students.
- Reach Teachers supplemental materials - \$100/elementary school and \$200/middle school - requests from Reach teachers are being sought.

**SERG - Mary Young & Elena Cutri:** Special session of York 8th Grade Academic and Activity Night was held 11/2. Recording will be posted. Read recaps of parent recommendations about Middle School and High School Transitions on SERG website

**Summer Rec Open House Jill McCall:** First meeting on 12/2. Event will be virtual.

**Unit PTA Presidents Updates/Questions:** None

## **New Business:**

**UCCA Virtual Food Drive - Casey Braun:** Thank you for all the electronic posts. Good start with \$8k already raised. Trying to organize a mobile pantry for winter break.

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**Foundation 205** - Alison Dondlinger: areas of focus (1) curate diverse/inclusive literature for students (2) provide college scholarships (3) support mental health resources with Thrive 205. Foundation 205 Virtual Showcase 2/6/2021.

**PPE Donation** - Bianca Parisi: Organized through the Churchville PTA, a large donation of PPE masks for District 205 from a generous member of the Churchville school community.

**Next Meeting** is December 1, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:42pm.

**Minutes Compiled by** Suji LaBine, Recording Secretary