

REACH Parent Group MINUTES FINAL

11:30am-1:00pm, Friday **DECEMBER 11, 2020**

Virtual via on_Zoom [note new ID/PC EACH MTG!] *RECORDED*

REACH Parent Group, a committee of the PTA Council, is a parent group dedicated to supporting gifted and talented programs in District 205 and encouraging higher level educational opportunities for ALL District 205 students. Our area of focus includes:

- Providing parent and student resources for gifted and advanced learners
- Organizing advocacy at local and national levels
- Sponsoring and/or promoting academic-based extra-curricular activities that are accessible to all students
- Collaborating with REACH teachers to provide additional resources and student opportunities.

TODAY'S AGENDA (meeting 4 of 9)

Attendees: 29

D205 Guests: Leslie Weber, Director of Curriculum & REACH Coordinator - Program Review Update (Nov. 17, Steering Committee Meeting), Spring Testing (rescheduled), Notification and Appeals, plus Parent Q&A.

Lots of questions surrounded testing. All current information is posted on the D205 REACH page.

Meeting topic(s) - possible; and in no particular order:

- Kids adapting to "new normal"
- 8th grade parents & York Freshman Course Selection
- Q&A with REACH parents
- Additional Topics

Officer and Chair/Team Reports (updates)

Treasurer - Carrie Kaufman - ***Budget Update (approx \$385 avail.), Reps, remind teachers-submit [reimbursement form!](#)***

Website Administrator - Anna Wick

Social/Social Media - Ioana Fernandez, [Social Media Strategy](#); ***a question surfaced around whether the Facebook parent groups should be private. Plans are to survey parents in the group.***

Mathletes - (participating elementary schools): Gwen Reedy (Edison), Gina Padgett (Jefferson) & Sarah Jensen (Field) - ***Gina reported to revisit after break***

Freshman Readiness Workshop - Amy Kehoe - ***no report (revisit in new year)***

President - Patti Berner

- ***New!*** (3) 2021 Parent Info Nights (REACH sponsored) planned, Jan (Program Review Update), March (Appeals), and May ("New to REACH"); ***Program Review will be pushed later, so will move Info Night to February (vs. Jan.)***

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- **Updates** - Monthly meetings (topics) - Jan (summer, guest D205 SROH Chair, Jill McCall), Feb (elem math, "fun", guest, STEM Dir, Dave Beedy), Mar (appeals); **confirmed**
- **New!** Teacher Donations (Continued Support) - [Letter to Teachers](#), [Thank You's!](#)
- [PTA Council](#) updates; [Superintendent's Message of 12/4](#), [President Agenda](#); **Kelly Perry also shared another "Thank you" letter. Plans are to move donation requests from spring to fall - works better for teachers.**
- **Soon?** YHS-NHS "Online Peer Tutoring Initiative"; **Latest is that there's a plan to move forward in the spring - still working out some key components.**
- **New!** IAGC - [Director letter](#), several items - discuss; **mentioned - asked parents to review letter and respond to Patti, (Chair) accordingly.**
- This **link** will take you to "all things REACH Parent Group"
- [Rep Role Description](#) - share REACH Newsletter with PTA's for News/Web updates
- REACH Reps - additional details [FORM](#) & [RESULTS](#); *helpful - esp. for Info Nights - thank you and please complete as is helpful for Info Night planning.*

ALL Reps

- Elem, math kits (for Math Nights)
- MS Math Leagues (Churchville, Bryan, Sandburg - reimbursements requested?)
- Other topics?

Questions and/or Request from School REACH Reps? Parents?

Next REACH Parent Group Meeting – FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021 (Virtual) at 11:30AM-1:00 PM. Meeting topic(s): TBA. Zoom Link TBA

PAST ITEMS - FEEDBACK please

- 11/29 2-5 pm - Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry [Pop the Trunk Food Drive](#)
- Now-12/1 - UCCA Virtual Holiday Food Drive
- Now-12/2 - Foundation 205 Annual Fall Campaign
- 12/2, 6:00 pm - [Virtual Incoming Freshman Family Night](#)
- 12/2, 7:00 pm - City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth - [Anxiety in kids during COVID-19](#)
- 12/8, 6:30 pm - Thrive205-Parent Engagement Series, #1 of 6, *Fine Tuning Your Hybrid Learning Environment (recorded)*
- 12/10, 7:30 pm - Special BOE Meeting

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

December, 2020

- Now - days/times/locations vary - [Free Meal Kits](#)

Respectfully prepared by 2018-2020 REACH Parent Group Chairman, [Patti Berner](#)

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- 12/15 Tue 7:00 pm - BOE Meeting
- 12/17 Thur 6:30 pm - Thrive205-Parent Engagement Series, #1 of 6, That's Not How I Learned It!? (*recorded*)
- 12/23 Wed Winter Break starts - NO SCHOOL (classes resume Wed. 1/6/21)

January, 2021

- 1/8 Fri, 11:30am - REACH PG monthly meeting, Zoom (link TBA) - **inviting SROH Chair, Jill McCall re: "Summer Programs"**
- 1/12 Tue, 7:00 pm - BOE Meeting (REACH Program Review) - **moved to 1/26 or possibly Feb date.**
- 1/26 Tue, 7:00 pm - BOE Meeting
- Jan - TBA REACH sponsored - Parent Info Night - "REACH Program Review" - **as mentioned above, will be moved to February.**

Looking ahead in 2021

- Feb 2 Tue, 6-8 p - [D205 SROH](#) (Summer Recreation Open House)
 - Feb 6 Sat, 7 pm - Foundation 205, [Virtual Showcase 2021](#)
 - Feb 8-19- In-Person CogAT Testing, 5th graders
 - Mar 1-12 - In-Person CogAT Testing, 2nd Graders
 - Late March - Notification of Identification for Program
 - Mar/Apr - 7 pm - TBA REACH sponsored - Parent Info Night - "Appeals"
 - April 5 - Appeals Open
 - May - 7 pm - TBA REACH sponsored - Parent Info Night - "New to REACH"
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Helpful Links

DISTRICT

- [OpenD205](#)
- [D205 REACH](#)
- [D205 BOE Calendar](#)
- [Foundation 205](#)
- [Elmhurst Music Boosters](#)
- [Thrive205](#) – A School & Community Wellness Partnership
- [D205 SROH](#) (Summer Recreation Open House)

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- [REACH Parent Group](#)
- [2020-21 List of School Representatives](#)
- [Patti Berner](#), Chair 2018-2020.