

Minutes

Elmhurst D205 PTA Council

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 via Zoom

In Attendance: Alison Dondlinger, Angie Brauneis, Anne Zimmer, Beth Concannon, Bianca Parisi, Casey Braun, Dena Fasheh, Elena Cutri, 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, Patti Berner, Rachel Olson, Sean Cullen, Suji LaBine, Tracy Ries, Naoko Ostermann.

Guests: Kara Caforio, David Moyer, Beverly Redmond. **Absent:** Gwen Eisenmenger, Hilary Simonds, Michelle Wehrle, Whitney Curcio.

Meeting called to order by president Michelle Huber at 7:03pm. The minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting were emailed and approved as presented.

District Reports

Superintendent - Dr. David Moyer:

- D205 COVID-19 Metrics & Dashboard Update: As of 11/30, the Rolling Average 7-Day COVID Positivity Rate for Dupage County positivity rate is 13.1% and Elmhurst is 8.29%. Locally, our number is coming down which is a good sign.
- Return to School Update:
 - The Open D205 Steering Committee will meet on 12/9 to look at the Open D205 plan for 2nd semester (i.e. newly approved D205 metrics, testing options, masks etc.).
 - Some special education students returned to the classroom on 11/30.
 - We don't have everyone adhering to the daily "certification" process prior to their child attempting to enter the school building.
 - The regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on 12/15 will include updates on the master facility plan and Emerson media center.
 - On 12/7, a virtual presentation will be held for the Lincoln Elementary community regarding the construction and relocation of students.

Director of Communications and PR - Beverly Redmond:

- Happy GivingTuesday. Please consider making a donation to Foundation 205.
- Lincoln Elementary's "Year on the Move" Virtual Presentation on 12/7 via Zoom. Principals will answer questions that have been submitted.
- Elmhurst Thrive D205 Website: Check out website. It has a refreshed look, new material on mental health and recordings of past Zoom presentations.
- D205 Parent Engagement Series (Dec8-Jan20). District has developed a series of presentations for parents. The presentations will follow the work of the book, *The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents* (Fisher, Frey, Hattie, & Wiseman).
 - Fine Tuning Your Remote Learning Environment - Dec. 8.
 - That's Not How I Learned It Dec. 17.

- Rosalind Wiseman (Jan 20) to cover managing during distance learning.
- Working on having another Mobile Food Pantry and COVID testing day.

Board of Education - Kara Caforio:

All Board members want our children to be back in school. It is the #1 goal. Input is solicited from various school districts and other school boards.

PTA Council Board Reports

Treasurer Jennifer Cello: Presented statement of activities for the five months ending November 30, 2020. Thank you for paying dues & donations.

Corresponding Secretary - Anne Zimmer: Nothing to report.

Recording Secretary - Suji LaBine: Nothing to report.

VP Scholarship - Kristi Szejner & Dena Fasheh: Cookie dough fundraiser was a success. Thank you for your support and approx \$1300 raised. Delivery date is TBD and please let us know if you can help with distribution/loading cars.

VP Programs - Rachel Olson & Casey Braun: Please see Thrive D205 website for updates, schedule and loads of information. Presentations are moving along.

President - Michelle Huber: Thank you for the hard work with the community building efforts, for promoting Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry's "Pop the Trunk" food drive, and for publicizing UCCA Virtual Food Drive.

PTA Council Chair Reports

Reflections - Michelle Werhle: Deadline has passed. Thank you to all school reps.

REACH - Patti Berner:

- At November's meeting there were 36 attendees. Zoom is working for this group.
- 8th Grade Math Info Meeting (11/5) - had 73 attendees.
- Reach Parent to Parent nite is being considered for new parents to program.
- Reach appeals meeting to be held in Jan in the evening.
- \$1400 worth of supplemental material has been requested from Reach Teachers. Will be reviewed before approved.
- REACH Parent Group now on following social media; Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

SERG - Mary Young & Elena Cutri: At the moving from Elementary School to Middle School meeting, met with asst. Principals. Will be doing a parent to parent meeting.

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Summer Rec Open House Jill McCall: First meeting on 12/2. The 2/2 event will be virtual. Open for input.

Unit PTA Presidents Updates/Questions:

- Katharine Wagner, Field: PTA holding 1st annual Twinkle Tour. Families can decorate their homes to be judged in various categories.
- Bianca Parisi, Churchville: PTA hosting virtual painting party with Pinot's Palette for 6th graders and a virtual trivia night for 8th graders.
- Meghan Hood, Jefferson: Seven Days of Winter will be a school wide daily activity(i.e. snowman challenge, scavenger hunt, snowflake).
- Kristen Gryglas, Emerson: 1.5mile Hot Chocolate Run over two days. Pilot Pete's hot cocoa will be available.
- Jenn Kramer, Lincoln: PTA Cocoa Cruise. Dad's club dressing up as a lion.

New Business:

- PTA Council meeting - Michelle Huber: No meeting in January.

Next Meeting is February 2, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17pm.

Minutes Compiled by Suji LaBine, Recording Secretary