

REACH Parent Group MINUTES

11:30am-1:00pm, Friday **MARCH 12, 2021**

Zoom (Meeting ID: 895 6168 2099, Passcode: 572018). *[note new ID/PC EACH MTG!]*

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 7 of 9)

Q&A

When do we find out the COGAT results for second grade and overall REACH results?
Appeals happening April 5th, information should be prior to that.

Rubrics question: will there be any changes made to the rubrics due to Covid?

Rubrics have been adjusted and appeals had some tweaks.

Renee does not think the rubrics will change. Historically students on the lower end of the rubric have to drop out of the program by high school.

There will be a dedicated math night next year at Middle School to explain the math bump opportunity for 7 grade so parents do not miss that opportunity.

Does anyone know how the High School math tutors to the Middle School students is going?

Andrew Brooks - math enrichment zooms

NHS students provide tutoring to MS and Elementary School students. Some REACH teachers may not know about these opportunities.

Typical math class size in REACH in middle school starts smaller in 3rd grade, but gets bigger by middle school.

D205 Guests: Guests Leslie Weber, and Guest Presenters, [Tuesday Technologies](#) creators and York Freshmen, Jeffrey Lu and Joe Byrne

Participants: 32

Meeting topic(s) - REACH Program updates and Executive Functioning Tools

Guest Presenters, [Tuesday Technologies](#) creators and York Freshmen, Jeffrey Lu and Joe Byrne

Executive Functioning tools website: <https://tuestech.weebly.com/>

Freshmen at York and former REACH students in Honors or AP courses. In the summer of 2020 they noticed a huge jump in the amount of independence and amount of work. Tuesday was created as a way to help them keep school work organized and it started as a spreadsheet and evolved from there.

Tuesday Technologies is a web based smart management tool. It uses a prioritization system and the Pomodoro technique (small blocks of time dedicated to a certain task)

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Jeffrey made a demonstration of the tool showing how to get things organized. Executive functioning skills can be trained and should be trained early, so this system is appropriate not only for high school students, but even for middle school.

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How to get started?

Click Launch on the website and follow the prompts. Sign in with Google account and approve the permissions.

Can MS students use this?

It is designed to work for everyone.

Leslie Weber - REACH program updates

- The identification process for 2nd and 5th grade is in full swing; they are collecting data from COGAT and MAP testing.
- COGAT results will be emailed by the end of next week (March 19, 2021)
- Identification will be announced by the end of March. Only qualified students will receive emails.
- The appeals process will start on April 5th for two weeks; it will close on April 16 at 5:00 PM - firm deadline. The application for appeal is on the [website](#) (available in English and Spanish). Only parents can complete an appeal application for now (teachers and principals were able to do so in the past).
- The REACH identification rubrics have been updated on the website.
- April 5th - webinar with Mrs. Weber to present the appeal process @7:00 PM
- Information to be shared in district and principals' newsletters
- The appeal process updated - incorporates more information; most recent COGAT and MAP. Highest scores to be used. Students' grades are incorporated and building-based recommendations (teachers and principals).
- April 19 - informational night - board presentation for the community. Webinar format. The presentation is available under Board docs.
- Magnet program (3rd through 5th grade) for students that qualify for both ELA and MATH in the top 2%.
- Enriched program for ELA - increase the time from currently 30 minutes to 60 minutes.
- MATH - recommend single acceleration vs double acceleration. The opportunity for double acceleration will still be there.
- The magnet classes (2023) - slow roll out
- Talent development for younger students (K-2) with teacher help (gradual rollout)
- Will train teachers with total school cluster grouping (following Dr. Gentry's ideas from Purdue University) with focus on social-emotional learning, executive functioning, differentiated instructions, personalized instruction.
- The magnet class will not replace REACH. It is an additional layer for the highest achievers (top 2%)
- Current 5th graders will follow current path for acceleration
- Each building will still have a REACH teacher

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- Students currently in REACH will stay in the current path, rollout will take a few years
- Not all schools will have magnet, only one school at the beginning
- Total school cluster grouping - kids can be moved in different groups based on their academical needs.
- kids identified this year in 2nd grade will stay on the current program
- May 24? - new family night - NEW TO REACH family night @7PM

Officer and Chair/Team Reports (updates)

Treasurer - Carrie Kaufman

- Budget Update, \$2150 (less expenses equals \$413 uncommitted balance)
- Detail - as of 3/9 we have reimbursed 83% (\$1059.87) of the expected \$1,273.19 approved Teacher Donations requests. **Fischer and Lincoln, completed, yes?**
- **Use of \$413 balance** - more teacher donations (or those who did NOT use funds?), "No Frills" non-profit, PTA Council Scholarship fund, "lost" and/or needed book fund, Foundation 205, other?
- Reps and/or teachers-submit [reimbursement form](#).

Website Administrator - Anna Wick

Social/Social Media - Ioana Fernandez (*graciously accepted 2021-22 Secretary role*)

Mathletes - (participating elementary schools): Gwen Reedy (Edison), Gina Padgett (Jefferson) & Sarah Jensen (Field),

President – Patti Berner

- **Open positions for 2021-22 - Chairperson, Reps, Treasurer**
- **(3) 2021 Parent Info Nights** (REACH sponsored) planned
 - **March/April TBA** (Program Proposal to BOE, Update)
 - April 5 (Appeals)
 - May TBA ("New to REACH")
- Monthly meetings (topics)
 - April (Appeals and REACH Program Proposal to BOE - Update)
 - May (2021-22 Planning, invite new Reps)
- Teacher Donations - Reps make purchase for them (or get reimbursement)
- PTA Council updates

ALL Reps

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

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

PAST ITEMS - Feedback?

- 2/8-3/16 - Foundation 205 Art Contest
- 2/12 Fri 11:30 am - REACH PG monthly meeting - guest, Dave Beedy, STEM Director
- 2/16 6:45 pm - BOE Candidate Forum, [see flyer](#) for details
- 2/17 - D205 Summer Fine Arts Program, registration open

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

March

- 3/12 Fri 11:30 am - REACH PG monthly meeting
- **3/16 Tues 7 pm - BOE Meeting, REACH Program Proposal**, (appears on agenda as "Gifted Program Analysis Results and Recommendations"); [View Virtually](#)
- Late March - Notification of Identification for Program
- 3/19 deadline to [register](#) for 3/22 MEZ (for 7th/8th gr math enrichment)

April

- 4/5 - Appeals Open
- **4/5 Mon 7 pm - REACH Appeals Process, Parent Info Night**
- 4/13 Tue 7 pm - BOE Meeting
- 4/16 Fri 11:30 am - REACH PG monthly meeting
- **4/16 Fri 5:00 pm - FIRM DEADLINE FOR APPEAL APPLICATION**
- **4/19 Mon 7 pm - REACH Program Proposal, Parent Info Night (follow up to 3/16 presentation to BOE)**
- 4/27 Tue 7 pm - BOE Meeting

May

- 5/14 Fri 11:30 am - REACH PG monthly meeting (last one of 2021!)
- **5/24 Mon 7 pm - New to REACH, Parent Info Night**