

# Minutes

Elmhurst D205 PTA Council

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**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Angie Brauneis, Beth Concannon, Beth Neal, Bianca Parisi, Casey Braun, Dena Fasheh, Elena Cutri, Hilary Simonds, Jennifer Cello, Jennifer Kramer, Jennifer Hall, Katharine Wagner, Kelly Carpenter, Kristen Gryglas, Kristie Szejner, Laura Gibson, Meghan Hood, Michelle Huber, Rachel Olson, Sean Cullen, Suji LaBine, Tracy Ries, Whitney Curcio. **Absent:** Alison Dondlinger, Anne Zimmer, Gwen Eisenmenger, Jill McCall, Karen Sienko, Mary Young, Melissa Ehmann, Michelle Wehrle, Patti Berner. **Guests:** Linda Yonke, Beverly Redmond, Kristi Amendola, Christopher Kocinski, Kevin Rubenstein.

**Meeting called to order** by President, Michelle Huber, at 7:02pm.

**Minutes** from the March 2, 2021 meeting were emailed and approved as presented.

## **Guest Speaker - Kristi Amendola, Foundation 205, Executive Director**

- Foundation 205 will contribute \$14,000 toward 2021 PTA Council Scholarships.
- The York High School Class of 1971, as a way to commemorate their 50th reunion, together they will contribute \$5,000.

## **District Reports**

### **Superintendent - Linda Yonke:**

- At the central office and at the building level, all day school preparation and planning is underway. Lunch will be a challenging part.
- Get ready for major construction this summer. Dr Yonke has experience, as she was the principal during the rebuild and renovation of York High School.
- The District is still seeking lunch supervisors but are covered at a minimum level.
- For the 2021-22 school year, more than likely will not address change in start times. Expected to open in the most normal way.
- Will arrange a meeting with 3 Middle School PTA Presidents to discuss what PTA can and cannot expect for end of year events.

### **Assistant Superintendent of Student Services - Kevin Rubenstein:**

- At the vaccination clinic held at York on March 24, 1200 vaccines were given (600 to Elmhurst residents and 600 to educators across the county).
- Thank you to those who volunteered to help make the day a success.

**Director of Communications and PR - Beverly Redmond:** Returning to a somewhat normal publication cycle. If you have announcements that need to be circulated in Talk205, please send.

### **Board of Education - Christopher Kocinski:**

- There has been a lot of work for everybody as we try to return to normalcy. Four items that are a priority are (1) leadership transition, (2) fully reopen, (3) recovery work that needs to be done across all age groups, (4) longer term strategic planning.
- Taking advantage of low interest rate financing. Originally expected the District 205 portion of a property tax bill for a house valued at \$500,000 would increase by \$150 annually. Now, it may be as low as \$34.

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## **PTA Council Board Reports**

**Treasurer - Jennifer Cello:** Presented activities for the 9 months ending 3/31/2021.

**Corresponding Secretary - Anne Zimmer:** Nothing to report.

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

## **VP Scholarship - Kristi Szejner & Dena Fasheh:**

- See's Candy fundraiser contributed \$351 towards the goal.
- Go to McDonald's Eat and Earn tomorrow, April 7th
- 71 applications received to date which is triple the number from last year.
- Expect to award 25 or more scholarships.

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

## **President - Michelle Huber:**

- Thank you to the vaccine volunteers and PTA presidents for finding volunteers in such a quick turn around.
- Thank you to the nominating committee. Slate will be presented in new business.
- Trying to hold next month's meeting in person but will probably be via Zoom.

**Unit PTA Presidents Updates/Questions:** Bryan Treasure Hunt will be next weekend (4/17). It will be virtual and open to all. See Facebook for more information. Register until 4/13.

**New Business:** PTA Council 2021-22 officers will be voted on at the May meeting. The nominated slate of officers are the following:

- President - Laura Gibson
- President Elect - Alison Dondlinger
- Recording Secretary - Suji LaBine
- Corresponding Secretary - Dena Fasheh
- Programs - Casey Braun, Michelle Huber
- Scholarship - Meghan Hood, Jess Messersmith
- Treasurer - Jennifer Cello

## **PTA Council Chair Reports**

**Reflections - Michelle Werhle:** Nothing to report.

**REACH - Patti Berner:** Nothing to report.

**SERG - Mary Young & Elena Cutri:** Nothing to report.

**Summer Rec Open House - Jill McCall:** Nothing to report.

## **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting** is May 4, 2021 at 7pm

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:00pm. Motion (D.Fasheh) and second (L.Gibson) to adjourn.

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