



PTA Meeting January 18, 2022

Attendees: 20 began at 7:05pm

Welcome – Dulce

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of November Minutes – Lisa Janco motioned to approve the minutes; Becca McCracken motioned to second.

President's Report – Dulce

Thank you to Jenn Kovacs and Kristen Anderson for organizing the Winter Parties!

Thank you to Sara Dennison for organizing the Giving Tree again this year! We were able to support and sponsor 33 families from Fischer!

Alma, the Penguin Patch was like Black Friday and a lot of fun for the students!

Thank you to Karen Sienko for supporting the new mascot and organizing the water bottles, which were handed out to all students and staff before the winter break!

PTA Council - Changes have been made to the board meeting comments. There is a randomizer for comments to be made, people are given a number. The comment time has also been shortened.

Fischer Construction Project Update - The plans look fab! We are getting an additional 6 classrooms! Upgrade of the library/media space, getting back our art, music, and intervention spaces and an overall revamp. No parking spaces added and there will no longer be a stage built, as the district is phasing out stages in the elementary level. Classrooms are the priority.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Maritza Beltran - Review of budget, monies in/out in Dec. Cash on hand is \$15,652.84.

DPAC - Karen Sienko - Next meeting is Feb 3rd, no topic yet.

REACH - Still looking for a parent liaison

SERG - Parent panel is on Jan 26th. There is more info on the SERG website.

BINGO Night - Clare O'Shea - Date moved to possibly April 22nd. Looking for planning volunteers.

100th Day Pantry Collection - Jenn Kovacs

Jan 31st is the 100th day! Fischer is looking to run a supply drive for Elmhurst Yorkfield Pantry. Each grade has been assigned a non-food, backpack friendly item. More information will be sent soon. Prize given to the grade sent with the most items. PJs on a date agreed upon by the teachers. The pantry is very excited about this event!

Costa Rica Culture Night - Kira

New event! 1/19 is the committee planning meeting, March 4th is the target date

Virtual meeting link in the Friday Facts from last week and the PTA newsletter

Fundraising –Jenn Kovacs

Eat n Earns have been doing very well.

Jingle signs did well and had fun. Nice to see how large the community is.

People want more socializing with fundraising. 2/10 will be doing a galentines shopping night at Kie and Kate in Elmhurst - 10% off purchase, 10% goes to the school. More information will be sent soon.

Dulce - Thank you to Kristen for organizing spirit wear at the last minute! We had over 90 orders with our new mascot! GO PANTHERS!

Principal's Report - Mrs. Villa

Thank you for the dinner for the **Parent/Teacher Conferences!** We appreciate it!

Thank you to Alma for the time during the **Penguin Patch**, as well as all of the parents that were there. It was beautiful and the kids had a great time.

Reading night on the 16th of December, we had over 50 participants. We had some great comments and the parents had a great evening.

Giving Tree - we were able to support about 85 children.

Thank you to Karen for the **mascot support**, a lot of work went into this and ours was the first redesign for the district.

Thank you to Kristen and Jenn for the **Winter Party support**, very glad that we were able to do this.

Math Night, was supposed to be in January, but will likely be moved to February.

5 Essentials Survey - The survey is open, closes March 11th. We need 20% of parents to participate or the numbers will not show.

Construction Update - We are dividing this into 3 phases. First phase will start in March, which will be for the 6 classrooms. Largest impact will be with the playground, which could be tricky. The logistics are unknown at this time. Second phase will be in December of 2022 and the third phase will be in the summer of 2023.

New resource officer is Joan Valez. She will be doing some classroom visits soon, so that students get to know her. This officer is not at the school full time. This officer is for us.

MAP testing started last week and was a little rocky due to system issues. Kinder and 1st postponed due to issues, it is going better this week.

We are planning on doing **tutoring** after school - Two sessions 315 - 345 in person/345-415 virtual. We only have 8 tutors, so will only be offered for 1st graders. Currently seeing the biggest impact due to covid.

Questions:

York students available for tutoring? This did not go well last year, so it is not going to happen. It is time consuming and many students did not benefit.

Construction - How will the schedule changes be communicated? This may have already been done in a board meeting. In the original plan, we would have had to close large parts of the school from March through December to do the entire thing as designed. We will get more details after the next meeting.

When should we expect MAP testing results? 48 hours for results to be available. Start asking for the results by the first week in February, some teachers have started having conversations. These will not be sent home, you need to ask for them.

Practice Work - Should we expect one for each grade? No this is not expected, probably just for the teacher. You can access Eureka Math online or use the book, the students can take it home.

Handwriting conversation - is there an opportunity for improvement? Cursive begins in 2nd grade.

DUAL - What will things start to look like for Churchville? Planning has started with Arianna.

5th Grade Celebration - We will do something, but start planning in March.

Adjourn - Lisa motions to adjourn, Jenn seconds. 7:55pm