

REACH Parent Group MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 12 2022

1pm via ZOOM

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://elmhurst205.zoom.us/j/88592335509?pwd=VEpjVIJkMXRqalk5ajA1bzVsckEzUT09>

Meeting ID: 885 9233 5509

Passcode: 066286

MEETING TOPICS:

REACH PG Chair Updates ~ Sarah Jensen

- District / PTA Council Updates

Strategic Planning committee meeting today. Sarah and Kerri are both on the committee.

- Elementary and MS Teacher Survey

Mathletes - survey sent to Principals and teachers last week.

- 2022-2023 Priorities

[Sarah's presentation](#) about possible 4 part educational series focusing on Executive Function, Mindset and the Teenage Brain from Dr. Georgia Bozeday

\$2000 for the presentations

Funding options

- increase revenue from schools
- Foundation 205
- fundraising or parents drive
- approach the SERG group

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The district is working on increasing parent programming.

Kerry Leuschel ~ D205 Director of Curriculum & Instructional Supports

- Appeals process updates

5th grade is closed out

2nd grade - students who have appealed will find out by the end of the school year

3, 4, 6, 7 - use IAR data which gets reported on mid June, so notifications will go out July 1

Summer bridge - after they receive placement information

June 9 - Parent night, zoom @7PM

Another parent night in August

New to D205 families - they are eligible for placement in REACH based on assessment scores. Assessments dates will be provided next week on the website.

Summer bridge options to be discussed for 6th going into 7th grade students.

Budget Status ~ Miena Hall (10 mins)

- Current budget status & outstanding invoicing

REACH School Representatives Update & Share Feedback (5 mins per rep)

- Teacher Resource Wish List Resources
- Elementary School Mathletes
- Middle School IML Mathletes
- Elementary School Family Math Nights
- Rep Status for 2022-2023 school year

Edison - Gwen and Pragna

Field - under construction - tag team with school reps

Fischer - needs a new rep

Hawthorne

Jackson

Lincoln - needs a rep

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Battle of the Books at Hawthorne - 4th grade team won

Spelling bee discussion at elementary schools

Looking for a volunteer to help Sarah to coordinate with the math programs and math kits.

NEW To REACH Info Sessions - Thu 6/9/22 7pm via ZOOM