

# Minutes

Elmhurst D205 PTA Council  
Tuesday, October 4, 2022

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**Location:** D205 Administrative Office

## **In Attendance:**

Alison Dondlinger  
Andrea San Luis  
Anne Zimmer  
Bridget Sundt  
Corrine Cecil  
Dena Fasheh  
Elena Cutri  
Elise Szeghy  
Holly Bland  
Jennifer Bosse

Jill McCall  
Karen Sienko  
Kate Prasse  
Katerina Hickey  
Kristy Maers  
Meghan Hood  
Meredith Hardt  
Michelle Huber  
Nicole Skaluba  
Rashidat Brobbey

Sarah Jensen  
Sean Cullen  
Suji LaBine  
Tracy Ries  
Keisha Campbell  
Beth Hosler  
Megan Farley  
Kim Daly  
Becca McCracken  
Laura Gibson

**Meeting called to order** by President, Alison Dondlinger, at 7:06pm. Minutes from the May 3, 2022 and the September 6, 2022 meetings were distributed and approved as presented.

## **District Reports:**

### **Superintendent - Dr. Keisha Campbell:**

- Friday 9/30, first "Conversation with the Superintendent" held. About 30 attended. Event included a short presentation on K-5 literacy with Q&A and an opportunity to talk with the leadership team. Next session will be held on 12/15 at Bridges Transition Center.
- K-5 Literacy Parent University launched 9/28. Katie Lyons, Executive Director of Elementary Education, will do a total of 3 sessions. Recording of the presentation is available on the district's website under Resources. Next events are Nov 16 and Jan 25.
- The Board of Education approved Phase 1 and 2 of the D205 Strategic Plan. Documents vision, mission and values. School Improvement Plans will align to the Strategic Priorities. In the Spring 2023, plan to offer a dashboard with metrics for the strategic plan.

### **Board of Education - Beth Hosler:**

- Open House for the community at the new Lincoln Elementary School on Oct 15. The two dates previously listed were combined to one so that we are able to have enough staff while the community is touring the building.
- Excited about Strategic Plan Presentation. The plan was approved by the board.
- Applying for a Grant for state funding to enhance Madison Early Childhood Center. Grant application due 10/10 and will be awarded in the winter.
- See Build D205 website to see progress on referendum projects.
- Board meetings still being recorded and posted.

## **PTA Council Board:**

### **Treasurer Jennifer Bosse:**

- 2022-23 Proposed budget distributed and discussed. Will be voted on in new business.
- Foundation 205 donated \$4,000 to York Senior Scholarship Fund.

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- Out of the 13 scholarships awarded in Spring 2022, 4 scholarships remain unpaid. Scholarships expire March 2023.

**Corresponding Secretary - Dena Fasheh:** PTA Council Directory for the 22/23 school year was distributed in Allison's meeting invite. Please let her know if there are corrections.

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

**VP Scholarship - Meghan Hood:**

- Only 7 bags of coffee left from Brewpoint's Scholarship Coffee.
- The Coffee or Cocktails event on 9/29 at Brewpoint made about \$100.
- Minted fundraiser info is coming soon. Please share information in your PTA newsletters.
- Dukes that Dine will be Thur Nov 16 at Mata Ne. Need donations for the raffle.
- Follow us on Instagram @ York Senior Scholarship.
- Glenbard Parent Series asked for help to get the word out about their events.

**VP Programs - Michelle Huber:**

- Chris Herren event on November 9 at 7:00. Appropriate for 6th grade and up. Marketing material coming out soon. There will be a sign up genius for volunteers.
- Spring event will partner with Reach PG and Dr. Bozeday, Director of Educational Services at Rush Neurobehavioral Center.

**President Elect - Jenn Hall:** Nothing to report.

**President - Alison Dondlinger:**

- This is a forum to ask questions and exchange ideas among unit leaders.
- Will forward information on PTA training. Usually, a series of webinar training sessions.
- Thank you for submitting updated insurance policies Pam Knighton.
- Foundation 205's big fundraising event is Feb 4 at Medinah. More information to come.
- Be aware there is an approval process for updates/posts to your PTA website. Approval is made fairly quickly.

**PTA Council Chairperson Reports**

**Reflections - Anne Zimmer & Jill McCall:** Reflections is on for this school year and communication has been sent to each PTA's Reflection Rep. Entrees are due November 4th. Celebration will be held sometime in November or December.

**REACH Parent Group - Sarah Jensen:** Meeting with Dr Bozeday on Thursday 10/6. Looking for a 3 or 4 part series focused on how to build grit & motivation. Approximate fee is \$2500. Dr Bozeday will tie to SEL/CASEL. Might ask to include a student workshop.

**Special Education Resource Group (SERG) - Mary Young & Elena Cutri:**

- On Oct 12, parent webinar on D205 Special Education Services. Expect Dr. Rubenstein will provide a similar presentation he gave the BOE in April 2022.
- Need SERG Rep from Emerson, Churchville and Hawthorne.

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## **Dual Language Parent Committee (DPAC) - Karen Sienko:**

- Next meeting is Nov 10. Topic still being decided.
- We are without a District Director of Language Acquisition.
- Spanish conversation program for parents January - May.

**Elmhurst Resource Collaboration - Sean Cullen:** Back to School Fair, Health & Resource held in August at York. Thank you to all that made it happen. York did an outstanding job at hosting.

**Unit President Updates/Questions:** None

**New Business:** A motion to accept the Elmhurst PTA Council Budget for 2022-2023 was made by Sara Jensen and seconded by Rashidat Brobbey. **Motion PASSED.**

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:44pm.

**Next Meeting** is Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7pm.

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