

# PTA Council (via Zoom)

## December 9, 2021

Approval of minutes: Kate Ahmed and Crosbie Lind

**Dane Delli:**

- Recommended by CCDPH that Springman 8th graders go on Adaptive Pause because of “outbreak”
- Outbreak testing, additional students were identified as positive
- The decision does not come lightly
- District made the decision, not the CCDPH

**Cathy K:** explained in detail how outbreak testing works

**Dane Delli:**

- The only order we have received is the Govenors order to mask.
- We treat the recommendation as a directive.
- They are not enforceable orders.
- Construction Update:
  - By month end, brick will all be up and interior work will begin
  - Phase 2 and 3 begin soon

**Matt Silverman:**

- Open positions for Full Day Kindergarten teachers
- Analyzed data from Full Day Kindy survey
- Great response from the surgery
- Schedule is underway
- Morning will be key learning time
- Afternoon will have more play time, unstructured time, outdoor time

**Natalie J (School Board Member):**

Calendar - will be proposed at the December Board Meeting. The underlying goal is to try to align with D225 as much as possible.

- Proposed start date - August 25, 2022
- High Schools are trying to end terms Wirth final exam schedules

**Cathy K:**

- Vaccines
  - You can change your Shield testing choice
  - Window will be opening soon, email will be out soon

**Dane Delli:**

- Friday, January 7, 2022, 9:30 am
- Dr. Mike Brooks speaker, presenting on Technology and parenting
- Joint effort with Winnetka School District
- Unique take on the topic

**Matt Silverman:**

- Full balanced literacy implementation
- Small group instruction & differentiation
- Building our own curriculum
- Reading workshop K-8, create a model that students will have for 9 years
- Illinois State Board of Education has released their report card. All results are on line,. Will share with the School Board at their next meeting.

**Patty Puetz - Henking Principal:**

- Full Day Kindergarten - teachers are SO excited
- Teachers are ready!
- Big emphasis on play and movement
- Henking is using the construction to teach in many ways, vocal, math, writing, etc.
- Gallery learning, kids work on display
- Teachers are purging for new classrooms next year, donating as much as possible
- Holiday Helper event this weekend
- Learning Labs are going really well
- New Lunch procedures to minimize close contact
- Thank you PTA!!!!

**Natalie J (School Board):**

Asked if anyone had any questions about the Adaptive Pause at Springman?

**Rebecca Richards** stated that she wanted to community to know that the District choose to do this. It was not required. Rebecca urged the district and the Board to push back and keep kids in school.

**BPAC:**

Sylvia - bringing in help on how to work with language challenge

**Mongolian BPAC:** College help speaker, and math tutor speaker  
January - Mentor and Business development

**Julie Moon, GEF:**

- Not a ton going on right now
- Meeting tonight to discuss grants. Grant numbers are still low.
- April 30th, Trivia Night, outdoor Ravinia style event

**Shiva M., legislative:**

- Went over different bills that have recently passed
- New General Assembly starts January
- A Bill approved for eLearning
- Special Education students will age out of the system at 22
- Allow student athletes to alter their uniform for modesty
- Menstrual hygiene products made available to all students at no cost
- Fasting students (for religious reasons) should be allowed to skip PE class
- Beginning 2022-2023 school year schools will include media learning

**Cori Mohr:** nothing to report at this time

**Karen Hitzeman:** not present

**Maria F:** Construction progress video will be coming - Stay Tuned!

## Cluster Reports

### **HE/HO:**

- Holiday Helper this Saturday
- 120 food boxes
- 113 family gifts
- 259 kids
- 445 winter wear items
- Changing school supply program for upcoming school year

### **LY/PR:**

- Holiday Helper just finished
- 60 families, food and clothing
- PTA grants just started, lower amount of money
- Science Fair in the Spring
- Looking into benefit in the Spring

### **WB/GG**

- Left postcards on cars in the parking lot thanking staff
- Holiday Helper - very streamlined this year. Gift Cards only
- Collected board games
- \$50 gift card per kid, 240 kids
- \$50 gift card per family, 101 families
- Construction tour of WB
- No room parents this year but we did receive 45 Teacher Favorite Things and shared via GoogleDoc
- All staff raffle this week
- Spirit nights have not been a success
- Virtual drumming assembly this week

### **SPAT:**

- Gratitude notes for teachers
- Holiday helper, \$100 per family
- Winter teacher luncheon
- Cookie donation with QR code survey for teachers
- "New Year, New PTA, New Ideas"
- Educating teachers regarding the grant process
- Spirit Wear Swag is wanted for less fortunate students, so 140 students will receive Spirit Wear

Meeting Adjourned, 10:46 am.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Richards, Secretary