

Thursday, September 9, 2021

PTA Council Meeting

Springman Middle School, Wildcat Commons

Attendance: Mark Richter, Rebecca Richards, Kate Ahmed, Chelle Costianis, Robin Cohen, Cori Mohr, Jessica Pritzker, Crosbie Lind, Dane Delli, Maria Feitlich, Natalie Jachtorouycz, Karen Hitzeman, Cathy Kedjian, Gillian Matthews, Julie Moon, Shiva M, Matt Silverman, Nicole Carlson, Jenny Jarosick

Call to order: Jenny Jarosick 9:08 am

Approval of Minutes: Kate Ahmed

Mark Richter:

- All students back in person
- Kids are very happy to be back
- Good job with safety mitigations
- Dedicated staff member to reach out / support anyone students quarantined
- Phase 2 of the new schedule
 - Fixed school schedule
 - Longer academic blocks, 80 minute core classes
 - 400 math minutes per week
 - Expanded offering - STEM & Modern Media
 - Middle School Success, executive functioning primarily
 - Band and Orchestra are now during the school day
 - Choir is still before school
 - Increased time for teachers to collaborate
- Sports season has begun
- Clubs are in the recruitment phase
- Hybrid Curriculum tonight
- MAP testing next week
- Picture day next week

Dr. Dane Delli:

- He has been to all the buildings in the past 3 weeks
- Children are excited
- Teachers are excited
- Children are very compliant
- Challenges nonetheless
 - 3 feet radius gives us the ability to be in person
 - More impact, more often, more children
 - Can come at a cost - more kids quarantining
- 2 areas that are problematic: lunch and buses
- Quarantine Instruction- we have a model and it's working....sort of. We can do better.
- Ever evolving

Cathy K: People want to know...Why can't you test to stay if you are exposed at lunch?

- The CDC very clearly states that you can't Test to Stay if unmasked.
- We know other districts are not following this guidance.
- Dane - we get different answers to the same questions when we talk with other superintendents

Robin Cohen - What about the travel restrictions and the upcoming Springfield and DC trips?

Dane Delli - the trips are not sponsored by the school district.

Crosbie Lind - How does the travel ban look when planning ahead?

Delli -

- We are putting the recommendations in front of people.
- It's predicated on the honor system.
- We are not private investigators
- We do not have the ability to parcel through it

Dane Delli and Cathy K:

- Communication will be coming out soon about visitors and volunteers info
- Big school events at school are on pause
- CDC states "Schools should limit Non-essential visitors"
 - We should probably hold our next PTA meeting remotely

Chelle Costianis - Can we host PTA events off school property?

Cathy K - We can't tell you, as a private institution, what to do.

Cathy K: D34 Parent Connect will launch this month. Ecvited about the line up this year! Are you (the PTA's) able to contribute again this year? We would love your sponsorship and support!

Matt Silverman:

- SOPPA, Student Online Privacy & Protection Act
- Protecting and students and families data
- Minor curriculum impact
- We are trying to make as minimal disruption as possible

Cathy K - We need to make sure the PTA directories company are SOPPA compliant

BPAC - Not present

GEF, Julie Moon:

- K-2 event outside Sept 28
- BINGO virtual event
- Fund drive starts Oct. 5
- Oct. 22 - 1st grant deadline

Legislative, Shiva Mohsenzadeh:

- More to come next month

Gelfand Fund, Karen Hitzeman:

- Spoke about the history and mission of Gelfand
- Very personal mission for Karen
- \$90,000 support in the past year
- The entire program is run thru school social workers
- Last resort
- Gradens - new since May at Glenview Methodist
- Ven diagram Handout

TrueNorth, Cori Mohr:

- NSSED in now True North
- Working on getting parent liaisons

HE/HO, Gillian Matthews:

- Working to boost moral
- Park playdates, very well received. Over 80 families
- Launched new Spirit wear site, HumanKind
- Launching a Henking yearbook
- Book fair will go virtual
- Teacher conference lunches

LY/PR, Crosbie Lind & Jennifer Pritzker:

- 2 park playdates, BIG success
- Filled every position, people want to help
- Principal coffee, outside, new Lyon principal
- Parent night out
- Not sure what to do about BookFair

WB/GG, Kate Ahmed:

- Teacher snack, all volunteer donations, no expense to PTA
- Sign up Genius

SPAT, Chelle Costianis and Robin Cohen:

- Working with past presidents on transitioning
- Navigating behind the scenes stuff
- Back to school night was successful;, sold tons of spirit wear
- Big focus on membership
- Possible parent night out
- Conference lunch
- Need volunteers (more for Attea)

Meeting Adjourned 10:55am

Next Meeting via Zoom

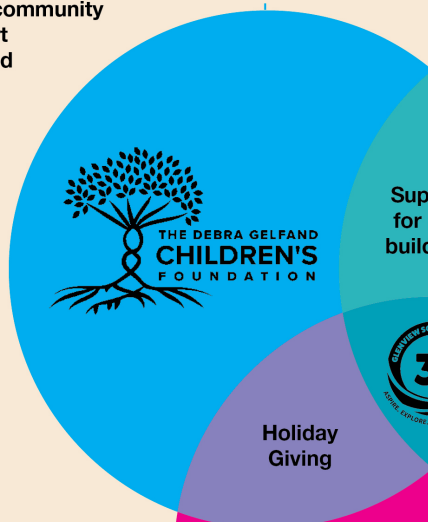
Minutes submitted By Rebecca Richards, Secretary

WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO WHEN I MAKE A DONATION?

DEBRA GELFAND CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION (DGCFF)

Organization led by Board of Directors, D34 parents and Glenview community members to directly support D34 low-income families and families in crisis.

- Provides support for field trips, special events, band equipment and uniforms
- Provides support directly to families
- Provides clothing and shoes
- Assistance for household expenses (child care, school registration, rent)



GLENVIEW EDUCATION FOUNDATION (GEF)

Organization led by Board of Directors and D34 parents to support grant-based initiatives.

- Provides Best Practice Educational Opportunities for Schools
- Development of learning initiatives including learning spaces, technology and STEM
- Funding for critical innovative pilot programs



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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Organization led by D34 parents and teachers/principals to support students and initiatives at each D34 school cluster.

- Supports building specific capital improvements
- Building community within each cluster
- Social Events for students and parents
- Parent Education Initiatives

