

March 10, 2022

PTA Council via Zoom

9:03am Call to order by Kate Ahmed (filling in for Jenny Jarosick as meeting host)
Minutes are approved as distributed as no corrections or updates were needed.

Dr. Delli

COVID mitigation has gone through adjustments based on new guidance and the district policy has been updated.

D34 School Board will approve the updated plan at their next meeting.

Cathy Kedjidjian and Dr. Delli noted that districts still maintain local control regarding policies

Cathy Kedjidjian

With the changes in mask policy, the district focused on the transition to this new environment, with an SEL focus

Student Services provided choice boards, etc., to support students with special needs in understanding the new environment

Language about “respecting differences” and “belonging” were emphasized by staff district wide and echoed in posters hung on school walls

Having the time to transition seemed to help students make the transition smoothly

Justin Patchin’s presentation was well received by students and parents. Thank you to GEF and Gelfand Foundation for sponsoring this visit.

Next ParentConnect parent presentation will focus on “Digital Citizenship” and helping families support their students’ digital lives

Dr. Silverman

Dr. Silverman introduced a new section of the D34 website where curriculum details are broken down by grade and trimester.

[D34->Departments->Teaching & Learning->Curriculum Overview](#)

Spring IAR testing will begin soon and NWEA Testing will be in May

District will be holding an **Kindergarten Information Night** May 4 from 6pm-7pm at each of the primary schools. Night will share information about schedules, curriculum, lunch, and more.

PTAs, Gelfand, GEF invited to attend and connect with parents.

Matt Silverman:

- Illinois Science Assessment for 5th and 8th graders
- April - IAR 3-8 grade on the iPad
- May - NWA Aimsweb testing

Cathy K:

- Thank you GEF for pilot classroom
- Working on getting classrooms cleaned out and ready for construction

Natalie J:

- Next School Board meeting 3/14 7:30 pm
- Referendum
- Nice, calm, routine board meeting

Principal Report:

- Principal not present

BPAC;

Alan Hernandez - no update

Sylvia - event coming out, please pass out flyers. Lots of good participation. Very productive

GEF, Julie Moon:

- Received 9 grants
- Voting April 12th
- Trivia night April 30, basically sold out

Student Services, Cori Mohr:

- Community Summer Resource Fair
- Great turnout, great flyer
- It was recoded

True North, Cori Mohr:

- Tips and tricks to create a parent handbook targeting EC

Gelfand Foundation, Karen Hitzeman:

- Working to fill Necessities Closet
- Everett Shopping event today
- Colab w/ GEF to provide mental health to community

HE/HO, Nicole Carlson:

- Valentines treats and conference lunch
- Teacher appreciation planning session
- Process of revamping school supply program
- Read A Thon
- Earth Week activities in the works
- 5th grade celebration planning underway
- Haviana- benefit style event

LY/PR, Crosbie Lind:

- Staff appreciation well underway
- International night coming back
- Cleaning out Lyon basement
- Still figuring out Benefit

WB/GG, Kate and Laurie:

- Read Across America
- Yearbooks
- Coffee Cart
- 5th grade picnic planning underway
- End of year

- Currito give back night

SPAT:

- Conference lunch
- 8th grade graduation planning underway, GLOW theme
- Gelfand helped 8th graders that can't afford Great America and other related fees
- March 29th - 5th grade transition meeting
- Notice in the Glen shopping night
- Trying to make transition to HS rather than an extension of grade school
- Community Service ideas planning underway for next year and beyond
- Finding parent volunteers are very challenging

Cathy K:

- Do we want to talk about moving the next meeting to in person?
- A: most people still want Zoom

Meeting adjourned 10:30am

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Richards, secretary