

Conrad Fischer PTA Minutes

October 20th, 2020 7PM Fischer Library VIRTUAL MEETING

Attendees

16 Total Participants including Parents and Principal Mrs. Villa

Agenda

Call to Order, Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:10PM

PRESIDENTS' REPORT:

Updates from the PTA District Council:

- *Discussion on how to maintain and keep building a better community;
- *Sharing of ideas continues to occur with fundraising and other events;
- *How is hybrid learning going? At the different buildings, grade levels, for those students identified as having a 504 plan or IEP? Most reveal a positive trend;
- *Different PTA's are featuring speakers or presentations as a part of their meetings.

A question was asked if a presentation can be given at one of the Fischer PTA meetings about "race and educating our youth" as the Elmhurst Library was presenting this month.

*The Fischer Mascot is the Cavalier and a discussion ensued re: having a student contest to showcase this mascot and draw a new one for Fischer! More information TBA later.

The **September 15, 2020 PTA Minutes** were presented on screen and a motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Maritza stated that the current balance is: \$13,254.92

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REACH: Vanessa said the next meeting will occur on 11-13-20 @11:30 and there will be a meeting for 8th grade parents on 11-5 focusing on the York Math Curriculum.

SERG: There was a ZOOM webinar tonight also on goals and delivery model plans.

Membership: Fisher now has 72 members!

Reflections: The theme is “*I Matter Because....*” and all entries are due on 11-13-20. There is information on the National PTA & Fischer PTA page with an entry form. There was a variety of ideas then generated on ways to promote the Reflections contest for the Fischer students.

Fall Fest: Thanks to Jenn Kovacs and her committee for having the ideas such as decorating the front of the school building with family/student painted pumpkins during this virtual time.

Spirit Wear: Kristen said the store will open in the beginning of November for a fixed but fluid time with a wide array of apparel for all Fischer Fans!

FUNDRAISING:

Kristen talked of a Fall Fundraiser involving Pilot Pete’s from Downtown Elmhurst; a December eat n- earn as well as another with Lou Malnati’s later in the year.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

An announcement was made a few days prior to this meeting for an “adaptive pause” in D205 hybrid learning and all teaching was moving to remote due to higher COVID percentages in the DuPage Area. Mrs. Villa said it had been going well overall. A D205 Board Member and this year’s Fischer appointed member, Mrs. Karen Stuefen, had visited a 2nd grade Dual Classroom recently and was amazed at what she was able to see occurring in the classroom! Becca shared her positive story of sending her son to school. Feel free to send your positive Fischer stories with the D205 School Board! There had been 325 students attending school for hybrid learning of the 538 currently enrolled.

Picture Day is tentatively scheduled for November 6 & 9th.

The Dual Language Orientation Meeting held recently was well attended with over 30 parents!

Benchmarking for Reading is finished and Acceleration started yesterday. These acceleration small groups will meet for 30 minutes as an intervention. Two fire drills were conducted in the school in the last month and they went well.

Mrs. Villa looked at the reading trends for the students from last year to currently. Even with remote learning, the majority of Fischer students stayed on level or dropped just one level. There is still an overall gap in reading which will continue to be addressed.

Gwen closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their passion and compassion toward Fischer and the students/families during this difficult time of COVID. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 after a motion was made and seconded.

The next Fischer PTA Meeting will be held virtually on November 17th @ 7PM. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeBosschere, Secretary