

PTC Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2024

Call to Order: Co-President Billy Cruz called the meeting to order at

Attendees-In Person: Billy Cruz (Co-President), Carla Schmidt (Secretary), Amber Norman (Treasurer), Sarah Troll, Christyn Esposito, Lana Surmin

Attendees- Virtual: Aimee Bostrand (teacher rep) and Mitch Dubinsky (principal), Suzanne Kimmerly, Meghan Menconni

February Meeting Minutes:

Billy Cruz motioned to approve the November Minutes, Sarah Troll approved the minutes, and Lana Surmin seconded the motion. November Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Budget:

There's \$54,063 in the checking account. There's \$501.40 in the savings.

The changes from last month include Candy Grams income of \$1,247.05. Thanks to Michele and the teachers for their help and patience with that process, and to the lovely parents that volunteered to help with that. Cheerleading brought a small amount of more income which means they have a surplus. With that money, they may do a pizza party or something with it. Also, there's income coming in from the Trivia night. So far there's \$2,168. In regards to expenses, the PTC chipped in for the Amazing Race shirts that went to Glencrest. They buy the major purchase and all the elementary schools pitch in. The class party reimbursements are coming in. Several have come in from the winter parties. Thanks to Danylle for coordinating. If anyone has Valentine's Day reimbursements, please send those in. There was a deposit for Trivia Night, and some of the teacher cart expenses. The net profit, year to date is \$35, 630.97, and, as Carla mentioned, we have a lot of activities coming later in the year.

President's Report:

Neither president could attend but there were notes taken. Student board members coordinated with all the students in D89. Schools to help raise \$100 for an organization that serves children and families in D89 with developmental disabilities. The district has begun negotiations with the Teachers Association. Immigration has recently been a topic of discussion. If officials come to the schools, there are certain procedures that are in place. Doug explained that the process involves the principal alerting him and/or an administrator from the district office, they would consult with the district attorney to ensure compliance with the laws and legal processes. When dealing with requests for student records or interviews. Their foremost obligation is to protect students and their rights. The 2025-2026 school calendar was approved, and the 1st day of school is August 20th There is an extra emergency day built in, which is April 6th. That can be a makeup day if a snow day is

utilized. The pre-k program has added a new section which reduces class sizes to about 17 children per class. The district has received over \$300,000 from a PFA Grant for 2 years, which will support additional services for the pre-k program, parent education and other related activities, and support. MAPs data continues to show that D89 performs significantly above national map averages in both reading and math. The math assessment showed strong growth across most grade levels, and the reading assessment showed average growth across most grade levels.

Principal's Report:

We do have that All Abilities fair. It's on March 5th it was in an email that was sent out. Volunteering is simple. The kits are there. It's running different stations or doing one station at a time. Each classroom is going to go through for a 30 min session, so they'll rotate and then they go back to the classroom. When they go back to their classroom, they will debrief as well. We are hoping we can get some more parent volunteers. So if you know anyone. Amanda Kasmer, our LMC Director has created a menu of great things for Read Across America week. One of them being a masked reader and here's a handful of staff that will participate. They read a book, and they have a digital mask on. The kids will get to vote and guess who it is. Also, next team day is February 27th in the afternoon. The theme is cooperation. More information will be in then. Lastly, you'll see again in the Newsletter the 5 essentials survey is out, so I encourage families to participate. It gives a great opportunity for parents to have a voice and share their opinions. I do look at that data. We have what's called a data retreat in August, and that is one of the data points. Tomorrow is group picture day, please make sure all students are in their uniforms, if they have them.

Teacher's Report:

Next Thursday there will be conferences. Teachers might have reached out to parents if they feel there is a need for a conference. You might be hearing from a classroom teacher. Report Cards will be coming out within the next 2 weeks. The quarter ends next Thursday as well.

Committees:

- Classroom Parties:

The end of the month is the last day for Valentine's Day reimbursements. The teachers appreciated the format of the parties as all students of each grade level experienced the same parties. Carla will be looking for a co-chair for the 2026-2027 school year as her child is aging out. The person(s) will take over in the 2027-2028 school year.

- 5th Grade Fling:

There are 2 dine in nights that will be dedicated to the 5th Grade Fling. Monday will be at Cane's. You'll see it in Mr. Dubinsky's email and the Facebook page. Then in 2 weeks it'll be at Panera on Tuesday, the 11th in Wheaton. It'll be from 4pm to 8pm and 20% of the proceeds will come back to the PTC for the Fling. Amber and Mitch will work together to send all 5th grade parents an email about it.

- **All Abilities Fair:**

Is coming up next month and there's a lot of volunteer slots, and Miss Miller is hoping to make this really a great even. This is their first year. We need as many parent volunteers as possible, or anybody in the neighborhood or in the community. Volunteers will help stations. All station items will be provided and you are there to supervise and keep everyone safe.

- **Book Fair:**

Carla is assisting Meghan with the Book Fair. A meeting was had with Ms. Fuji with information on the event. It'll be happening the week of March 17th. Monday and Tuesday are previewing days, where students create their Book Wish List. Classroom teachers will sign up for purchasing days, as well, which will be that Wednesday and Thursday. It will also be open after school and during Open House and closing by 7:00pm. Books will be packed up and ready for pick up by Friday morning. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. Volunteers are needed for setting up, days of the event, and to take it down. There will be a Sign-Up Genius with the two hours shifts available. Information will also be posted on the Facebook BG page.

- **CAC:**

The last CAC meeting was held on February 3rd. Most of the information was repetitive from what was mentioned from the President's report. The district is paying attention to all the various executive orders and grants as the district has a lot of Federal grants. Briar, Glen, Parkview and Glencrest rely heavily on those grants because they're title one schools. The Bridges Into Reading was piloted in middle school first, and then they rolled it out to elementary. Now all of the Glen Ellyn schools will be using this same program.

- **VIP Dance:**

Right now, 80 people are attending thus far and hoping to get more tomorrow. Tickets will be sent home in folders the week of the dance, which is March 8th. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 a person.

- **Plant Sale:**

Due to spring break forms will be sent home in March and will be due March 27th. All forms need to be submitted to the company by April 9th. Plant pick up should be around May 12th and there will be a two week window.

- **Parent's Night Out:**

There will be 3 teacher teams at the event.

Other:

There will be 2 open board positions, Co-President and Treasurer, which is a two year term. The openings will most likely be sent via PTC email. Interested parties will send emails to the

4 members of the Nomination Committee, Lisa Esposito, Claire Van Wetering, Erin Pastevalab and Sarah Gemmel. Donald Brill stepped down as committee chair. It is hoped to announce the two new members by the March meeting.

Next PTC Meeting: March 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Teacher's Lounge. Social time starts at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Schmidt