



PTC General Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 - 7:00pm, hybrid

Board present: Mary Ellen Rahn- Pres; Anna Mayo and Stef Nikitas- VPs; Amy Lockett- Sec; Melissa Foos; Erika Pesce and Becca Thune

Absent: Alec S; Aliy Puhalla

Welcome and Introduction of Special Guests

- **Superintendent Doug Eccarius-** *thank you to PTCS for all you do to support school and students.*
 - *The focus of past board meetings was assessment and instruction- looking from lowest to highest to get a gauge. The next meeting is less of this.*
 - **Construction-** all schools had some last summer. This summer- major work at Briar Glen and getting a later start with emergency days used.
 - Some construction with Parking lots- Arbor View and Glen Crest
 - Some seal coating- ParkView- major parking lot work will be over the next few years. when asked for bonds, didn't realize how much prices would increase. Briar Glen is serious.
 - Calendar Survey- Strongly encourage all to fill out. We really wanted opinions on Thanksgiving week. Elearning has become controversial and we want to know if the flexibility of elearning, if needed, and is good option to have. I.e. put one day of Elearning on file to have flexibility... in case we have to make up lots of emergency days and it pushed the calendar like this year.
 - For this year, the board is discussing ideas for getting the last day (now Monday) to be replaced with a day off planned for April
 - Lots of Policies and Press Policies- how we operationalize procedures. most is from LAW, so many law changes- schools are getting hit hard. i.e. NarCan is school. Opioid antagonist on supply- lots of high schools- all schools have to and had to do training. This was also offered to D89 Bball.
 - Talking 89 sessions- Feb 22nd-morning and evening- safety and family involvement- did same talking sessions at schools- could chat with staff too. "Soup"erintendent meeting- Been in many classrooms and mystery reader at PV...
 - Substitute Challenge- not just our area- widespread nationwide. There is also a nationwide teacher shortage- baby boomers retiring and not enough to fill those positions- most of new teachers are getting hired, hence fewer subs.
 - Pep SubCommittee- fully segmented funds for Supplies for Success-
 - Incubator program- South, 8th graders leaving GC going to South- Incubator-like Shark tank- new program with PEP.
 - doing more hands-on programs with trades-- etc.
 - The District is wrestling with Chronic absenteeism- any students who miss 10% of school year is in state data.

- ⅓ of students miss 10% of school year. state is 25-27%. we were at 12% year prior. Trying to communicate with families the best way to manage vacations, etc at other times. still held accountable for growth and performance.
 - Assessments- we want to be 85% above 40%- looked at fall to winter growth across the board- saw amazing growth with math, just not the same in reading.
 - 2nd-grade teacher here is a leader around Assessments-- Hornig is a leader.
- Board Member Donna Kemp

Officer's Reports

President- Mary Ellen Rahn Great movie night; Excellent participation at Super Saturday; Great Rest Night

Vice-President- Anna Mayo and Stef Nikitas

Secretary- Alec Schraegle

Treasurer – Amy Luckett & Melissa Foos Interest in looking into Savings opportunities. We are sitting at \$47,000 - approx \$10,000 in expenses to make payments for remainder of year- including recess funds- etc. Teacher appreciation. Movie night a big success- wonderful fundraiser. We are looking to do a bit of investment - to gain interest- while working with Mrs. Mate to look at capital project

Mrs. Mate's Principal Report

winter break and on-

- stressed the calendar survey.
- Conf days have changed. earlier in October vs. Nov. to manage election day
- Winter MAP assessments- went home-
- Mrs. Mau working on Read across PV- replacing one book one school- read across PV- hit more students in a diff way. hard to find 1 book to engage. Feb 26th- diff activities- planned for each day. Reptile show assembly- 2 assemblies- PTC is supporting speaker
- Later in year- Staff event- Literacy Event- not same week- in April- date TBD, looking at field trip dates
- March- all school activities to support SEL- connecting as a school community- all school bingo- did it in Dec- pull and the whole school does prizes and buddies-
- State Assessments for Readiness- April 3-19;

Faculty Representative Report- Mrs. Mate reported since Mrs. Osterman was ill

- **kinder-** Wed 100th day of school. lots of activities-- becoming independent, academic independence of routine. Working with buddies- valentines to retirement homes-
- **1st-** animal research in science- personal timeline for Soc Studies. scope and sequence of time. 101st day dalmatian theme- puppy hat
- **2nd-** measurement and place value, science- life science and habitats.
- **3rd-** animal of life cycle- connecting to reading and science- reading series has a connection to soc studies- connection. non-fiction animal writing- publish in a doc/slides
- **4th-** IL history and how native americans live here. ABC book to demonstrate IL history. biography study, contributed to the world.
- **5th-** working with decimals- adding, subtracting, and place value. wrapping up Revolutionary War. hands-on activities- Matter, etc. lots of experiments.
- **Art-** 2D materials and watercolors, painted paper and scrapbook to. 3d to use clay/glaze, paper for structures, etc. Feb- honor black history month- look at artwork per year.
- **LMC-** read across PV, will be an at home activity, record a fun fact about a reptile,

- **PE-** Kids Heart Challenge- how many jumps, jump rope
- **SEL-** Character Strong- school wide on perseverance, moving to FEB- honesty- classroom SEI and what Russell brings in classroom. 3rd and 5th take a social emotional screener- helps with the students that are internalizing- feeling connected to peers, trusting adult-

Events/Committee Chairs - Upcoming Events, Outstanding Needs

Becca Thune- Trivia Night- food, drinks, raffle, Dupage county historical museum

Anna Mayo- Panther Pride- 3/15- Planning is going well! **Adding** Quiet rooms to balance out the sensory experience- big volunteers, GC will help with middle school support-

Erika Pesce and Stephanie Ahern- Sweetheart Dance- April 26th- PV daughters and special person- Joe from Hot Dogs- CandyLand theme

Anna Mayo- Past Events

Aliy Puhalla- Restaurant Nights

Current and planned activities

- Valentine's Day Classroom Party
- School Store
- Box Tops- Issues with Scans, etc. one person saving the day.
- Literacy Night- TBD
- Field Day- May 17, rain date of May 20th- tried to suggest each reqmt-

Announcements

- Volunteer Needs for Spring Events

Any Other Business/ Questions

- PTC Board Member Interest- Sec, Co Treasurer and 1-2 Board members
- Fundraising Updates- Recess activities to be purchased as weather gets warm. Mrs. Mate is working with recess leads on what is needed.

Next General PTC Hybrid Meetings (quarterly)

- April 18th