



**Attendees:** Beth Treichler, Mary Gerkin, Katie Robak, Mr. Jim Richter, Mr. Tom Straiker, Joelle Delgado-Solomon

November 2019 Minutes were approved

## School Reports

**Student Council, Adrianna Stanke:** 20 Days of Kindness will begin February 20<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>. The calendar of events will be posted around the school and on social media. Student Council is starting to further promote and re-organize the 'Care Closet' previously known as the 'St. Shoppe'. Planning has started for St. Baldrick's 2020. Student Council participated in Special Night for Special Kids and the Angel Tree event for Salvation Army in December.

**Teacher Liaisons, Mr. Straiker:** From many staff members: From many staff members:

*"Thank you for the Chili Day!"* We all appreciate you so much and extra thanks for being conscious of our diverse dietary needs...gluten free, veggie, etc. was awesome for us all to feel included and appreciated.

**ISO News - submitted by Donna Wisely, Special Ed teacher and ISO coach**

Saints ISO is grateful for all members of the community who supported the annual BIG Game. The gym was filled with fans of all ages. The night included performances by the EHS pep band, cheerleaders, dance teams, and Project Dance based at North HS. East HOPE Club provided additional activities including a relay race with members of the D303 United Special Olympics team and t-shirt give-aways. Our team raised over \$1000 that will be used for Special Camp scholarships, uniforms, state qualifier t-shirts and more.

**Math Department News** - submitted by Sandy Ledvora, Math Dept Lead Teacher

Math is starting the CDT process (curriculum development team) by looking at resources. Our first meeting is January 27th. Reminder to all parents....math help is always available! We have Math Honor Society students doing peer tutoring in the LRC after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Math Resource Room has a math teacher ready to answer questions periods 4-7, and the math teachers are available before, during and after school hours.

**Technology and Engineering News**

**Engineering/PLTW - submitted by Michael DeWees, PLTW teacher**

There are two PLTW events happening in April.

All of the engineering design and development teams are busy completing their final project and getting ready for competition. On April 23rd East will be hosting the play down to see who will represent D303 at the EDD showcase being held at North Central College on April 28th. The event at East will start at 4:30 with student displays until 6. You will have an opportunity to vote on the displays for best/most unique idea, best presentation, and best prototype/representation of the final product. At 5:30 a "Shark Tank" type contest will begin wherein the three top teams from East will take on the top three teams from North to see which 3 teams will advance to the competition at North Central College.

On April 28th at North Central College we will follow a similar schedule and format. The competition is expected to be held in Wentz Engineering hall starting at 4:30 with winners announced at 7:15.

Both of these competitions are an excellent chance to come see student work as well as to show your support for the student, program, and East!

**Auto Tech News - submitted by Tom Straiker, Auto teacher and Auto Club advisor**

On January 2, 2020, we were informed by the National Institute for Auto Service Excellence that our Automotive program meets the strict industry standards required for ASE Program Accreditation in Maintenance & Light Repair. Our accreditation has been renewed until 2030! ASE recognizes our commitment to providing a quality automobile training program. This means quality instruction, quality equipment, and opportunities for our ASE certified students.

**Car donations accepted here...**

Our Auto Tech program is in need of practice vehicles for our students. Can you help? If you (or someone you know) have a 2005 or newer vehicle that you would consider donating to our automotive program, please contact Auto Teacher, Tom Straiker at (331) 228 - 5736 or [thomas.straiker@d303.org](mailto:thomas.straiker@d303.org). The value of the vehicle at the time of donation is tax deductible (check IRS rules at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or consult your tax specialist).

**Auto Club** continues to work on our project Mustang and we are focusing on the body of the car now. Students are cutting and welding repair pieces and body panels, so look for big changes. Additionally, our Engine Challenge team has begun drilling harder in preparation for our first event of this year. On February 22 - 23, our team will be competing in an engine teardown and rebuild competition at the Race and Performance Expo in Schaumburg. It is a judged and timed event with many area schools represented. Thanks for your financial support in the past. We will keep you advised of our results.

**Principal's Report, Mr. Jim Richter:**

Finals were completed before break for the first time  
Future Saints Night was a success  
ISO Big Game - great turnout  
Heart Screening - tomorrow - over 1200 students will participate  
State Sendoffs - Music, Dance, Bowling  
Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony - Saturday at 4:30  
Winter Play - February 7, 8, 9  
Parent Focus Group - Attendance - February 10 at 6:30; location TBD - volunteers wanted!  
Random Acts Matter Week - February 10-14  
Ed Foundation Gala - February 22

**Treasurer Report, Katie Robak:** PTO and Post Prom budgets were presented. The balance in the PTO checkbook is \$10,948.56 and the Post Prom checkbook balance is \$1,202.57.

**Committee Reports**

**Grounds Beautification, Stacy Abshire:** Spring décor will be added once ground has thawed.

**Post Prom, Caryn Sastre, Katie Robak:** Post Prom theme will be "Time Travel". The committee has secured a store front for the creation of decorations. There is a new prom venue in Oak Brook as Pheasant Run will be closing. Post Prom will be from 11:00pm – 2:00am.

**Student Activities, Mary Gerkin:** Volunteers will be needed to sell prom and post prom tickets in April.

**Greater Education Foundation:** Beth Treichler will put together basket this year – it be same theme as last year "Whiskey Basket"

**District PTO Representative, Lori Laraia:**

We saw a presentation on the proposed changes to the middle school explorer wheel. Changes have since been approved and middle school wheel choices have been expanded. Lots of discussion re: fingerprinting and background checking of volunteers. Effective immediately - All volunteers who could be with a student without the direct supervision of a staff member must be fingerprinted and background checked through the Kane County ROE by appointment, which can take weeks to get results. The school district will cover the \$40 fee. Contact administration to get the form you need for the appointment at the ROE.

**Senior Awards, Mary Gerkin:** The application will be edited and sent to Ms. Dandre to be posted on East Webpage.

**Staff Appreciation, Jane Keene, Kim Parrine:** New co-chairs are in place. A big thank you to Jane and Kim for all they have done for the PTO over the years – they will be missed. The new chairs are: Crissy Webbe, Aracely Curtis and Valerie Kelly. The committee hosted a super bowl luncheon for the staff on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next event will be Pi day on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Senior Signs:** Doran Scales will donate the signs this year. The PTO should contact Shani Podl in January.

**President's Report, Beth Treichler:** None

**The meeting was adjourned at:** 6:42PM

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Mary Gerkin, STCE PTO Secretary 2019-2020**

**Next Meeting February 25, 2020 at 6:00pm in room B122**