
Champaign PTA Council News

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Next Meeting: THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
South Side Elementary School, 712 South Pine

Program:

Greg Novak, Unit 4 School Board Member, will talk about the Vision Committee

Other Agenda Items:

Nominating Committee Report
School Board Statement

Informational Items:

PTA Convention: It's not too late! The 106th Annual Illinois PTA Convention is coming up April 18-20 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kankakee. PTA Presidents should have received convention information and voting credentials with their mid-year packet recently. I know that almost everyone who attended last year's convention in Champaign learned a lot and brought back several good ideas to their PTAs. Convention registration fees are an acceptable PTA budget expenditure. The pre-registration deadline is April 4th.

New Officers: The end of the school year is fast approaching, and that means it is time for PTAs to form nominating committees to help find officers for next year. Remember that officers are nominated at one PTA meeting and voted on at the next one, so your nominating committee should have the nominees ready by your second-to-last PTA meeting of the year (April for many of you). Also remember to send in the form (usually mailed to PTA presidents in April) with your new officers to the Illinois PTA in May.

Vision Committee: More community forums are coming up in April on the 6th, 8th, and two on the 12th. Be sure to pass the information flyer on to your school community and encourage them to attend. To find out more about the Vision Committee's work, visit the Great Schools Together website at http://www.champaignschools.org/Great_Schools/index.htm.

Green Schools Event: The local chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council is sponsoring a community introduction to the Green Schools Initiative on April 9th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Faith United Methodist Church (next to Bottenfield). The event will feature a keynote speech by Dr. Janice Spears, former superintendent of the Cuba (Illinois) School District, as well as a tour of the church, which is Champaign's first LEED Certified Green Building.

PTA Reflections: Twenty-five students in the Council advanced from PTA District 10 to the state PTA Reflections competition. Seven of them won Honorable Mention in the state

competition. These winners are Lyric Newbern (Kenwood), Emmily Thompson (Edison), and Kristen Bartlett (Centennial) for photography, Alexia Alves (Robeson) for music, Daisy Sun (Centennial) for visual arts, and Michelle Lu (Barkstall) and Erin Brown (Edison) for literature. Congratulations to these winners and all who advanced to the state competition, as well as their PTAs for sponsoring the competition at their schools.

Important Dates:

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| April 3 | PTA Council Meeting, South Side, 7:00pm, Vision Committee representatives |
| April 6 | Community Forum—Maintaining Excellence and Equity in the Schools, Edison School Auditorium, 2:00pm-4:00pm |
| April 8 | Community Forum—Buildings that Inspire and Meet Educational Needs, Faith United Methodist Church (next to Bottenfield), 6:30pm-8:30pm |
| April 9 | Green Schools Matter, Faith United Methodist Church (next to Bottenfield), 7:00pm-9:00pm |
| April 12 | Community Forum—The Programs that Meet ALL Students Needs, Stratton School Gymnasium, 10:00am-12:00pm |
| April 12 | Community Forum—Involving the Whole Community in Our Schools, Stratton School Gymnasium, 2:00pm-4:00pm |
| April 14 | School Board Meeting, Mellon Building, 7:00pm |
| April 23 | School Improvement Day, Early Dismissal |
| April 28 | School Board Meeting, Bottenfield, 7:00pm |
| May 1 | PTA Council Meeting, Kenwood, 7:00pm, Sharing of Ideas |