

Wood Oaks PTA Meeting

Monday, September 17, 2018

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 9:18 AM.

a. **Attendees:** Tracy Sandler, Wendie Cheyney, Leslie Fakhoury, Karen Stepen

Mr. McElligott

Ms. Beake

2. Principal Report

Mr. McElligott reported:

- a. It was a good start to the year. The first day start of school assembly went well. Sixth Graders were given some extra time with their teachers after the assembly to get further acclimated.
- b. The PTA was thanked for their part in the WOW hats that were passed out to the students. It was a nice addition to the activities of the day, including the WOW video that was created at the end of the day. Many students have been wearing the hats on Spirit Days.
- c. The school will be continuing last year's theme of Writing Our Stories. Students will be encouraged to continue their stories this year and will focus on teamwork. Overall, there has been a positive vibe throughout the building, as students have reported helping each other throughout the school day.
- d. The first STAR testing was completed. The computer adaptive test is given three times throughout the year and helps to plot student growth in reading and math.
- e. Curriculum Night went well. Attendance was down this year.
- f. This coming Friday will be mid-quarter.
- g. The 5K is this coming Saturday.
- h. The first Parent Education Night is at 6:30PM on 10/10 at Shabonee. The Emergency Preparedness Plan will be the topic. An informational night flyer has gone out and will be sent out again. Information will also be placed on the PTA Facebook page.
- i. The second Parent Education Night will be at 6:30PM on 11/13 at Shabonee. Social Media and Cell Phones will be the topic.
- j. The Back-to-School Bash was a success. The shorter one-hour format worked better than the longer events in the past. Having only 2 choices of ice cream was also an improvement upon the long lines from past years.
- k. A plaque will be placed near the new scoreboards thanking the PTA and Council for their gift.

Ms. Beake Reported:

- a. PBIS: The PTA was thanked for their support of PBIS with the Amazon gift cards. The ROAR store will be opening soon, and they are ordering new items to stock the store. Student behavior at school has had a great start.

3. Executive Board Reports

Tracy Sandler:

A Co-President is still needed to complete this year's board.

Leslie Fakhoury:

Leslie presented the current P&L spreadsheet. She presented that the school will be making \$1 per school lunch with the new Hot Lunch vendor. She also shared that there will no longer be credit card fees in the budget. Spirit Wear will now be a fundraiser.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Book Fair: Lorna Cohen reported that she and Kristin Ihrke will head the book fair this year, but they are looking for someone to take charge next year. Parents volunteers will not be needed this year for the student previews. A possible new process for Student Wish Lists was discussed.
- b. Directory: The directory is going to print this week.
- c. Graduation: Wendie is looking into booking the venue soon.
- d. Hot Lunch: Credits from last year's vendor were discussed and will be looked into.
- e. Social Events: There will be an ice-skating event on Veteran's Day.
- f. Spirit Wear: Anna Harris will be heading the Spirit Wear committee. Spirit Wear will now be a fundraiser for the school.
- g. Teacher Appreciation: Mileen Zucker reported that the teacher appreciation budget was increased this year. The committee's plan is to have something for the teachers each month.
- h. Welcome Wagon: Jen Lofman continues to welcome new families to the school. Additional ideas for welcoming families to the district/school were discussed.

5. New Business

The meeting concluded at 10:05 AM.