

Wood Oaks PTA Meeting

Monday, January 14, 2019

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 9:20 AM.

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

Mr. McElligott

Ms. Beake

Mileen Zucker, Amy Hertzberg, Marlyse Serlin

2. Principal Report

Mr. McElligott reported:

- a. Mr. McElligott thanked the PTA for the holiday lunch.
- b. The teachers were the winners of the Staff-Student Basketball game that happened before break.
- c. There was a welcome back assembly on the Monday after break. The students played Let's Make a Deal to win ROARs.
- d. The grade-level Spelling Bees are this week. Sixth Grade is on Wednesday and 7th and 8th Grade is on Friday. There will be a school-wide bee in the coming weeks.
- e. The Science Fair is Thursday, 1/17. Eight Graders will present to teachers and guests.
- f. Friday, 1/18 is the end of Second Quarter.
- g. Grades will be posted on 1/29.
- h. The Third Quarter begins on Tuesday, 1/22. Unified Arts will be in its third rotation and the elective schedule and room assignments may change.
- i. No School on 1/21 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- j. The Regional Robotics Tournament is at Wood Oaks on Saturday, 1/26.
- k. Conferences are 2/6-2/7. Registration opens this Thursday, 1/17.

Ms. Beake reported:

- a. ROAR update: Discipline data is strong and encouraging. The tone and feel of the school is wonderful.
- b. This Thursday, 1/17 is the 8th Grade Freshman Curriculum Night at GBN.
- c. Eight Grade students will go to GBN to meet counselors on 1/30.

3. Executive Board Reports

Tracy Sandler:

The PTA is still looking for a Co-President. A discussion was had about strategies to get PTA information more effectively out to the families. Moving the PTA information above the calendar in Mr. McElligott's newsletters was discussed.

Wendie Cheyney:

Wendie reported that she will be reaching out to the 8th Grade Party committee soon to begin planning.

Leslie Fakhoury:

Robin at Lunch Solutions requested a debit card to give to vendors to assist with timely payment. This was discussed, and it was not approved. Other options to assist with payment were also discussed.

4. Committee Reports

Teacher Appreciation:

Mileen brainstormed with the group to find new, "out-of-the-box" ideas for food and gifts for the teachers.

5. New Business

Amy Hertzberg reported on her work as the district ambassador for the organization, **CATCH-**Community Action Together for Children's Health. It provides parent education centered around emotional well-being. There are two upcoming "Coffee Chats" that parents can attend that provide support for parents with kids who are struggling emotionally. There is also an upcoming screening of *Screenagers*, as well as an event on 3/7 at the Northbrook Public Library that will cover the topic of anxiety. For more information, families can access their Facebook page and website. The organization is also looking for individuals who can volunteer their time/services to make brochures.

Club 27:

Marlyse reported that there are 265 donations for the Club 27 auction so far. Tickets are currently on sale for the event on Friday, 2/22 from 7-10PM at Pinstripes in Northbrook.

The meeting concluded at 10:20 AM.