

WOOD OAKS PTA MEETING  
Monday, September 9, 2019

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at 9:20.

**Attendees:** Dr. McElligot, Debbie Rothschild, Anna Harris, Stephanie Parsons, Adrienne Felder Mittleman, Andrea Dalinka, Marlyse Serlin, Mileen Zucker and Stacy Freel

**2. Principal Report**

Mr. McElligot reported:

- a. The staff is committed to helping all students become “all stars.” The teachers also filled out stars with their personal goals. The All Star theme will be woven in when possible. Certain Thursdays will be All Star Spirit Days.
- b. A ROAR refresher reminded the students of the school’s expectations in the classrooms and hallways.
- c. Almost double the number of students attended the Back to School Bash. A strategy meeting prior to next year’s event would be useful to discuss supervision. It was suggested that staff and parent volunteers wear vests which would make them easier to find. It was suggested that information regarding the event be relayed through the PTA blast or other media over the summer months.
- d. Curriculum night was well attended. Next year a sign in sheet will be placed in each homeroom to get a better attendance count.
- e. The D27 5K event is Saturday, September 21. The PE teachers are trying to incentivize student participation. Information regarding the event is included in staggered broadcasts.
- f. 20 standing desks were ordered over the summer. All classrooms with sufficient space have at least one. Some rooms have as many as three which are available for student use.

**3. Executive Board Report**

**Anna Harris:**

- a. The Minutes from the last meeting were approved.
- b. The budget is in the works and will be discussed during the October meeting.
- c. Many committee volunteers were received through the on-line process. The Events Committee is still in need of a volunteer.
- d. The main goal now for the D27 5K is to spread the word regarding the event. Currently, there are 350 registrants and a good number of sponsors.
- e. Although there are fewer vendors, hot lunch ordering has been going well.

#### 4. **Committee Report**

**Directory:** The directory is in the works and will likely be out in October.

**Back to School Bash:** Mileen reported the event was successful. The committee received comments suggesting the use of a DJ again next year to make the event more interactive.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Mileen reported the Back to School lunch was provided by Italian Kitchen and was well-received. Two more lunches are coming. The committee tries to do one event per month. The custodial staff will also be recognized the first week of October.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance:** Mileen reported the event will take place on various Friday nights beginning on October 25 and continuing through December. Participants are requested to dress nicely (no jeans).

**Welcome Wagon:** The committee has a good number of volunteers. New sixth grade students will receive the t-shirts the students received at the end of fifth grade.

**Spiritwear:** Almost all of last year's hoodies were sold. Some t-shirts remain. One order per year will likely be placed for the spiritwear. New orders were taken one in September with spiritwear to arrive by end of the month.

**Book Fair:** Andrea reported that the fair will take place in February during conferences. The committee will be working with Anderson.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party:** The committee will discuss when the event is closer.

**Environmental:** Adrienne reported the chip bag recycling last November was successful. Due to the additional work required by the custodial staff and to maintain the students' interest, the recycling will be done again for one month, rather than year-round.

## **5. New Business**

**School Supplies:** It was suggested that pre-packed school supplies be offered for sale and picked up during August's packet pick up. However, Dr. McElligott argued that many families don't go to packet pickup and families would still be required to pick up additional supplies. A separate meeting will be set up to discuss pre-packed supplies and possible bulk ordering of calculators.

**Social Media:** Everyone agreed there is a need for a Social Media Chair and Rosanne Gordon was identified as the lead. More information will be provided via various social media including Facebook and Twitter in an effort to get PTA news out to families.

The meeting concluded at 10:14.