

WOOD OAKS PTA MEETING
Monday, October 21 2019

AGENDA

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 9:19.

Attendees: Dr. McElligott, Ms. Beake, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Anna Harris, Leslie Fakhoury, Adrienne Felder Mittleman, Andrea Dalinka, Marlyse Serlin, Mileen Zucker and Stacy Freel

2. Principal Report

Dr. McElligot reported:

- a. The staff appreciated the Fall treats provided following conferences.
- b. Conferences took place October 16-17 and were well-attended. Some parents advised that certain teachers were fully booked during the allotted conference time. Thought is being given as to how to free up additional time.
- c. The students received Emergency Preparedness Training. The students were provided options for finding safe places in both classroom and non-classroom environments. The students handled the training well.
- d. An informational session on the transition from Wood Oaks to Glenbrook North will be held on October 21 at 6:30. Parents who are unable to attend can find the information on the school's website.
- e. On October 23, the Creative Design Class will visit Hickory Point. The students participating in this STEAM class are designing a better lunch box. As part of their research, the students will visit with the kindergarteners and discuss what they would like to see in a lunchbox.
- f. The first quarter ends on Friday, October 25. Grades will be posted November 4.
- g. Halloween costume guidelines are available on-line.
- h. Fall Athletic Recognition Night is October 28. All students who participated in a Fall sport are invited to attend.
- i. The Fall Instrumental Music Concert will be on October 30. Both the band and orchestra will perform.
- j. Picture re-take day is November 6.

- k. The students will attend an assembly on Veteran's Day. Dr. McElligott, a veteran himself, will kick off the assembly. A former Navy Seal Medic will also talk about his life both in and out-side of the military.

3. Vice-Principal Report

Ms. Beake reported:

- a. Students will focus on kindness and empathy, which ties into bullying prevention. Each student will be asked to set a kindness-type of goal.
- b. On November 5, author K.A. Holt will visit Wood Oaks.
- c. 6th graders new to the district will receive Wood Oaks t-shirts. Any remaining t-shirts will be put in the PBIS store.

4. Executive Board Report

Leslie Fakhoury / Budget:

- a. The Budget is similar to last year.
- b. "Spirit Gifts" will be removed as a line item as this money is generated through hot lunch and other means.
- c. Hot lunch revenue is similar to last year.
- d. The Budget was approved.

Debbie Salzer Rothschild:

- a. District 27 Council met and discussed ways to help the community recognize Board members and PTA contributions. It was suggested that Board members wear badges at school functions. It was suggested that plaques be added to all items purchased by the PTA.
- b. The PTA accountants advised to avoid funds staying in the account for extended time but rather put the money to use. PTA is considering a subsidy to permit composting at Wood Oaks year-round, which is in line with the District's environmental awareness and "filling my bucket" principles. Council PTA is also considering partially funding the school supplies program across the 3 schools in the district and utilizing the Center for Enriched Living to order and pack supplies.

5. Committee Report

Environmental: Adrienne confirmed that chip bag recycling will take place November 5-22, which coincides with America Recycles Day on November 15th. Kids will shake out the bags and put them in collection bins in the lunchroom. TerraCycle will recycle the bags into hard plastic.

Directory: Directories went home on Friday, October 18th, along with the D27 car magnet gift.

Book Fair: Andrea will sign a contract to work with Scholastic for the February Book Fair. They have more functional registers and school librarian prefers their process and book selection.

Teacher Appreciation: Mileen reported that treats were provided to the staff on Friday, October 18th. The custodial staff received gift cards the first week of October as part of Custodian Appreciation Day. Dr. McElligott and Ms. Beake were given gifts in recognition of Principal Appreciation Month.

Social Dancing: Mileen reported that 70-75 kids signed up. The first event is October 25. Students do not need partners to attend. Partners are randomly assigned by the instructor.

Spiritwear: All spiritwear has been distributed.

8th Grade Party: Sally is taking the lead and the committee will discuss when the event is closer. Graduation is May 27.

Skate Date: Skate Date will take place on November 8 at the Northbrook Sports Center. The PTA is using Sign Up Genius to estimate how many will attend. PTA is paying for the skate time and skates if needed.

Next month's meeting: The meeting scheduled for November 11, 2019 has been cancelled in light of Veterans' Day and the school assembly. All committees will provide updates to the Co-Presidents via e-mail.

The meeting concluded at 10:25.