

Meeting began at 9:20 am

Administrative Reports

Dr. Kroeze, Superintendent

- Sadly, our Director of Technology, Reggie Ryan, recently passed away. We've hired an interim director, Elizabeth Janowiak, and she'll help us find a replacement before the next school year. We will miss Reggie.

Dr. Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services and

Dr. Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

- Veteran's Day was celebrated at each school. Shabonee and Hickory Point each honored 30 veterans. The Hickory Point children sang and read speeches. Shabonee honored a Purple Heart veteran from the Battle of the Bulge. They also had music performances from the band and chorus and a banner for the vets. This will be followed up with a sock drive for veterans. Wood Oaks invited Shane Anderson, a Navy Seal, to speak about being the best version of yourself and this is the best way to honor vets, He was presented with a signed Wood Oaks banner.
- The Fall Newsletter is coming out today.
- We had a recent Professional Development Day. Two important areas were discussed: 1) Social and emotional learning, and 2) Curriculum and Instruction.
- Dr. Doug Bolton spoke to approximately 100 people at a recent Parent Education Workshop. If you missed the presentation you can go to the District 27 website and click on "Recap from Parent Education Workshop" under District News to read about Dr. Bolton's key ideas. His next Workshop will be on January 15th where he'll focus on strategies. Educators heard him in August at our Institute Day.

Mrs. Buchanan, Shabonee Assistant Principal

- Halloween parties went well this year.
- Author KA Holt recently spoke to the children.
- Terra Nova testing is coming up after Thanksgiving.
- The PTA is planning a holiday lunch for the teachers and staff.

Lorna Cohen, President PTA Council

- Our next meeting, December 18th, will be our annual holiday brunch for the Council and school boards.

Mileen Zucker, Vice President

Lisa Woodruff, Treasurer

- Each District 27 school used to contribute \$1,500 to Council for the Rohrabach Foundation for the annual scholarships. Since we now use the Thursday hot lunch proceeds for the scholarship, we no longer need the schools' contributions. Council

generally makes an annual contribution in the amount of \$10,000 to the Scholarship Foundation.

Susan Rosen, Secretary

- Motion to pass the September minutes - Approved

PTA Council Committee Reports

Calendar - Lisa Woodruff

- The calendar needs to be updated to include all 3 schools.. We may need a new person to come in next year and attend the calendar meeting.

Communications - Anna Harris

Directory - Lynn Howard

- Lynn is working on coordinating an online directory for next year.

Hot Lunch

- We discussed the sales tax issue. The system has changed over the years and we collect money differently now. It used to be that we collected money once each semester and these two collections were our two free fundraisers that did not need to include sales tax. Presently, we collect numerous times throughout the year and families can order for short periods, if they like. This is much different than it used to be and we will most likely need to start charging sales tax on each lunch. Lorna will talk to Robin at Lunch Solutions regarding how we will handle this going forward.

Environmental - Adrienne Felder Mittleman

- Wood Oaks has joined Hickory Point and Shabonee in recycling chip bags this year from November 5th - 22nd. The bags are recycled and made into hard plastic.
- Hickory Point's "Trash to Treasure" project will be right before Winter Break and utilizes leftover fleece from Project Linus. The kids use the fleece to make pet toys and pet pillows.

Club 27 - Marlyse Serlin

- The event this year will be on May 2nd and the chairs will be Melanie Arons, Heather Levine and Carlie Marvel. More details to follow in the coming months.

PTA School Reports

Hickory Point - Kate Riggs

- An upcoming fundraiser at Noodles in Co in Deerfield will be publicized. Mabel's Labels is currently running now as a fundraiser.
- A teacher appreciation lunch is being planned.
- There will be a philanthropic component to the Winter Holiday Parties. Treat bags will be made for the Boys & Girl Clubs of Lake County.
- The December 6th PTA meeting was canceled in lieu of a Winter Social to be held at Marcello's on December 4th at 7:00 pm.
- Book Fair was very busy this year and did extremely well. We made \$7400+ in sales and \$180 for Bernie's Book Bank. The addition of a food truck was a big success.

Shabonee – Dara Owen

- The Book Fair was held in October during conferences and was very successful. It included an ice cream social and a contest for picking the Principal and Assistant Principal's Halloween costumes.
- Shabonee collected new white socks for a veteran's center.

Wood Oaks – Debbie Salzer Rothschild

- A skating activity was planned for the Professional Development Day in November and it was a huge hit - 104 kids attended.
- Social dancing had 75 children in attendance this year, the highest turnout in memory. The final class concluded with a fun get together at Portillo's.
- A social chairperson position has been established and Roseanne Gordon has taken the position. She is creating a Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat presence for Wood Oaks.

New Business

- We discussed buying new games for indoor recess.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Attendees:

Dr. Kroeze, Dr. Fournier, Dr. Olson, Mrs. Buchanan, Lorna Cohen, Mileen Zucker, Susan Rosen, Lisa Woodruff, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Dara Owen, Marlyse Serlin, Adrienne Felder Mittelman, Kate Riggs and Rivka Daar.