

## WOOD OAKS PTA MEETING

Monday, December 9, 2019

### AGENDA

#### 1. Welcome

The meeting began at 9:20.

**Attendees:** Dr. McElligott, Ms. Beake, Anna Harris, Andrea Dalinka, Mileen Zucker, Rosanne Gordon and Stacy Freel

#### 2. Principal Report

Dr. McElligot reported:

- a. The Veteran's Day assembly went very well. The speaker connected well with the students and stayed during the students' lunch periods to talk to them individually.
- b. The 7<sup>th</sup> Graders participated in a Celebrating Differences Day. The students participated in sessions which simulated challenges students may face. The afternoon speaker was a para-Olympian who spoke about overcoming obstacles and instilled that the students can accomplish anything.
- c. The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders took a trip to Feed My Starving Children. The students participated well and the FMSC leader complimented how well the students did.
- d. Nurse Betty retired. Ms. Kornick will be the primary point of contact and regular substitutes are filling in while the District looks for a permanent replacement.
- e. The students finished Terra Nova last week. Make ups are this week.
- f. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Dance wrapped up last week. The student turnout was great.
- g. On Thursday, December 12, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade social studies classes will participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Immigration Summit. A panel will meet with the students to describe their experiences coming to the United States.
- h. On Friday, December 13, the Orchestra Strings will perform at Covenant Village in the morning, Hickory Point in the afternoon and Northbrook Court 5-6:30.
- i. Monday, December 16 is the District 27 Choral Festival. The Shabonee and Wood Oaks choirs will perform in the Big Gym. Given the expected turn out and limited parking, a shuttle bus will run from Wood Oaks Green Park.

- j. On December 18 and 19, students will compete in a Spelling Bee. 2 winners from each grade will compete in the final Bee.
  
- k. The staff v. 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team will compete on Friday, December 20.
  
- l. Presentations on Erin's Law will take place after winter break. In a student-friendly manner, the presentations will address who to turn to if a student experiences or becomes aware of sexual abuse. Presentations will take place for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders the week of January 6, 7<sup>th</sup> graders the week of January 13 and 6<sup>th</sup> graders the week of January 27.
  
- m. On Monday, January 6, GBN staff will talk to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents about the transition to high school.

### **3. Vice-Principal Report**

Ms. Beake reported:

- a. PBIS: If the students receive 30 referrals by Thursday, December 12, the students will be rewarded with music in the hallways.
  
- b. Students can bid on "ugly holiday sweaters." The auction is next week.
  
- c. Wood Oaks is putting together a montage of Wood Oaks graduates who set and achieved a goal in any area, thereby becoming an "All Star." The students will watch this montage during the Welcome Back assembly on Monday, January 6.

### **4. Executive Board Report**

**Anna Harris:**

- a. The District continues to look for new fundraising opportunities. Additional dining out at local restaurants will be considered.
  
- b. Given the new tax, hot lunch vendors are working to ensure the taxing is done correctly. As a result, hot lunch ordering for January will be delayed.
  
- c. Rosanne Gordon, the Social Media Chair, continues to give Wood Oaks more presence on Facebook.

### **5. Committee Report**

**Book Fair:** Andrea Dalinka continues to work with Scholastic for the February Book Fair. Thought is being given to providing students with a “virtual wallet.” These wallets would allow parents to voluntarily put money into their student’s wallet, which would allow the student to shop at the book fair. Ms. Beake will work with Andrea to determine whether staff and volunteers would be available to permit students to shop during lunch, recess and/or after school.

**Teacher Appreciation:** In November, teachers had a trail mix bar. In December, the PTA will sponsor lunch and a cookie exchange.

**Social Dancing:** Mileen Zucker reported that it was very well-attended. Having the dancing on Friday evenings seemed very popular. The hope is to have it on Friday evenings again next year.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party:** Graduation is May 27. Whirlyball is scheduled for June 1. Bach to Rock is scheduled for 7-9 pm during the party. Veronica Gott designed the graphic for the t-shirts, which will be distributed before spring break. The committee is looking for someone to do the baby picture montage.

**Environmental:** The collected chip bags were sent in for recycling.

**Skate Date:** Skate Date had a great turnout of 150+.

**6. New Business:** None

**Next month’s meeting:** January 13, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.