

WOOD OAKS PTA MEETING  
Monday, January 13, 2020

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome**

The meeting began at 9:20.

**Attendees:** Dr. McElligott, Ms. Beake, Anna Harris, Andrea Dalinka, Marlyse Serlin and Sally Belofsky

**2. Principal Report**

Dr. McElligott reported:

- a. The staff appreciated the cookie exchange. It was a nice event that drew people into the lounge.
- b. The staff competed against the 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team. The students won!
- c. There was a spike in student and staff absences the first week back to school.
- d. Presentations on Erin's Law will take place this week for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and the week of January 27 for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Presentations for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders took place last week.
- e. Star testing takes place three times per year. Wood Oaks is not doing the reading test this year as the data wasn't lining up. Wood Oaks will proceed with the math test. Wood Oaks uses an in-house test on the students' computers which progresses in difficulty.
- f. E-mails will go out tomorrow regarding registration for February conferences. Sign up will begin January 22.
- g. On Wednesday, January 22, a parent education presentation will take place at Shabonee. The speaker will be Doug Bolton. He is charismatic, easy to listen to and provides information in layman-type lingo. He has done professional development for staff at Wood Oaks, too. The presentation will last 90 minutes.
- h. On Friday, January 24, the students will complete an Illinois survey regarding school staff. Parents will receive a survey, too.
- i. Next week, there is no school Monday or Friday.
- j. The students attended a PBIS booster assembly when they returned from winter break. 8 alums sent in videos for the "All Star" montage. Advisory classes will provide a review of behaviors in hallways, despite a calm transition back from break.

- k. Tardiness is up and parents could try harder to get kids to school on time.
- l. Kindness week is coming up, along with student leadership contribution.
- m. Karen Kornick is still overseeing the substitute nurses. Next school year, there will be a full time replacement in place.

### 3. Vice-Principal Report

Ms. Beake reported:

### 4. Executive Board Report

**Anna Harris:**

- a. Hot lunch is open for the remainder of school year. Orders will add the tax 9.75% sales tax. For those paying by check, the payment for the entire semester is due by 1/25. Credit card payments can still be done monthly.

### 5. Committee Report

**Book Fair:** The book fair is coming along and is set for next month. Delivery issues need to be managed, despite the longer window for delivery. New this year will be the E-wallet. Parents can sign up and put money in an account with limits. For the first time, students will be able to shop for books to that amount. Scholastic will refund unused funds to parents' credit cards. Parents and students will be able to shop for books on the Scholastic website too. Committee hopes this will boost sales. The school made a decision to not sell posters or pencils this year, only books. The Fair will be open during conferences. No sales will take place during the Fair preview. E-wallet sales will be available to students on Wednesday during the lunch blocks and on Tuesday during homework hour after school until 4:30.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Teacher appreciation for January will be hot beverage day. Date to be determined.

**Fundraiser:** The Chicago Wolves fundraiser got good feedback. Discussion of this fundraiser around the March 2 weekend when no school.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party:** The t-shirt order deadline was 1/17. The t-shirts will have a wildcat logo designed by Veronica Gott. The goal is to distribute before spring break. Whirlyball will take place on June 1 7-9 pm. Information was distributed via email, the Principal's blog and it will be included in the morning announcements. Bach to Rock will be the DJ and its services are

complimentary. Volunteers are needed for shirt distribution at lunchtime. The Wood Oaks celebration is 5/26 at 2pm. Rehearsal and lunch are 5/27. The PTA is doing dessert. Volunteers are needed to cut and serve the cake. Wood Oaks will hand out duffel bags at the end of the day. 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents are needed to help with the luncheon. A montage will be shown during the lunch. A volunteer is needed to prepare the montage. Food will be picked up by the committee members (DQ, Sunset, donut holes). A volunteer is also needed to make the teacher baby picture poster. Graduation is 5/27 at 6pm. 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents are needed to work at graduation - - food/beverage and distribute diplomas.

**Environmental:** Adrienne is working on composting options and will propose a plan.

**6. New Business:** None

**Next month's meeting:** February 10, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.

The meeting concluded at 10:07.