

Meeting began at 9:20 am

### **Administrative Reports**

**Dr. Arakelian**, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

- There have been problems with our bus company, First Student, this year. Things have improved lately. The administration is working with First Student regarding reimbursements and/or credits. We are part of a combined contract with District 28, 30, 31 and 225. The shared service contract helps give us a reduced cost. Every district has been having problems this year. We will be looking for new bids for the future.

**Dr. Kroeze**, Superintendent

- District 27 enrollment is up. We have 1300 students for the first time since 2004. We have 116 new students this year. We have many more interventions and support services now than we had in the past.

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

- Gail Kahover is retiring at the end of the month. Adam Werth, the technology specialist at Shabonee will take over the website. Gail will continue to do our social media for the rest of the school year. Jenny Quinn has been hired as a contract employee to work on major print pieces. We are looking for someone to fill a position to handle photography with very flexible hours, 5-20 per week.

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

**Gail Kahover**, Director of Communications

- Retiring to become a full time grandparent.

**Mr. McElligott**, Wood Oaks Principal

- Wood Oaks now has 20 new standing desks, a gift from the Wood Oaks PTA.
- Wood Oaks has a new roof, a new technology classroom and a new technology teacher. All students will utilize the technology room for all 3 years they're at Wood Oaks.
- The Back to School Bash was extremely well attended this year. About 200 kids turned out, about twice the normal amount.
- Curriculum Night was very successful.
- All sports and clubs are up and running. The Billiards Club is new and very popular this year.
- Conferences are coming up October 16-17.

**Lorna Cohen**, President PTA Council

- Our next meeting, October 16th, will be PTA Executive Board and school presidents only.

**Mileen Zucker, Vice President**

- We're striving for more awareness of the PTA so we were at all of the schools' Curriculum Nights this year.
- The directory will come with a District 27 magnet this year to promote community.

**Lisa Woodruff, Treasurer**

**Susan Rosen, Secretary**

- Motion to pass April minutes - Approved

**PTA Council Committee Reports**

**D27 5K**

- At this time, 398 runners have signed up.
- We're having a special dinner with California Pizza Kitchen the Sunday night after the race. Our scholarship fund will receive 20% of sales.
- The Friday before the race will be Spirit Day at all of the schools where the kids can wear old race shirts or possibly shirts for this year's race, if they're in by then.

**Calendar - Lisa Woodruff**

- The calendar is set up.

**Communications - Anna Harris**

- Anna has been communicating with each school's PTA.
- Please send info to Anna by Thursday at 10:00 am each week for inclusion in the Principals' weekly reports.

**Directory - Lynn Howard**

- The draft of the directory is being worked on now. We are one week ahead of schedule, compared to last year.

**Hot Lunch**

**Environmental**

- Committees have met and we are in the process of organizing efforts at all three schools.
- Hickory Point will continue with crayon and marker recycling collections and the Trash to Treasure project. Details to follow regarding spring project plans.
- We will be approaching all three schools about continuing the chip snack bag recycling project in November for America Recycles Day, as well as the spring composting program. The committees will also communicate with the eco-oriented clubs at each school to see about any coordinated efforts or support that the PTA can offer.

**Club 27 - Marlyse Serlin**

- We may have a smaller version of Club 27 this school year. It will likely be a low-key game night on Feb 21st. More details to follow. A few Hickory Point parents may be planning the evening.

## **PTA School Reports**

### **Hickory Point – April Terrien and Kate Riggs**

- The first Family Night of the year was a success.
- New committees this year: Library Volunteers, Bulldog Boutique, Happy Birthday Signs. The signs have already turned a profit.
- Box Tops now uses an app, but you can still cut them out, if you'd like. There will be double box top credits within the next couple of weeks.
- MemberHub - This will be a slow change for the district. We will start testing it at Hickory Point, possible starting in the spring. There's no fee to access it if you're a PTA member and only PTA members can gain access.
- We need a new tax exempt letter as the old one has expired.

### **Shabonee – Dara Owen**

- The PTA gifted Shabonee "active seating" for every classroom. Sampling and testing is currently going on now. We are already looking into a PTA gift for this school year.
- Room parents have some empty spots this year. Some classes have no room parents at all. We are only about 60% filled. We are planning to ask parents to commit to only one party per year.
- We are planning a Grill House night.
- The Book Fair will be in October during conferences. We will have an ice cream social and a contest for picking the principals' Halloween costumes.

### **Wood Oaks – Anna Harris**

- Wood Oaks has had a large influx of volunteers this year, which has been great.
- The Back to School Bash was amazing!
- We will have one Book Fair this year, in February. We will need lots of volunteers.
- Spiritwear - We sold extras from last year at this year's Packet Pick-up and Curriculum Night. We will also sell at Conferences. We will have a new order form soon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

### **Attendees:**

Dr. Kroeze, Dr. Fournier, Kimberly Arakelian, Dr. Olson, Gail Kahover, Rob McElligott, Cari Beake, Lorna Cohen, Mileen Zucker, Emily Taylor, Susan Rosen, Lisa Woodruff, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Dara Owen, Marlyse Serlin, Stacy Freel, Anna Harris, April Terrien, Kate Riggs, Lynn Howard and Rivka Daar.