

Meeting began at 9:20 am

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Dr. Kroeze, Superintendent**

- Frank Andreou will be retiring from the School Board as he has accepted an appointment as a Cook County Circuit Court Associate Judge. The Board is currently interviewing candidates as a replacement Board member who will serve until April 2021.
- The district has sent out a satisfaction survey.

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

- Dr. Doug Bolton will speak tonight at Shabonee for Part 2 of his Parent Development Workshop. He will also be a part of the District's upcoming Professional Development Day.

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

- Our upcoming Professional Development Day will focus on social and emotional learning. The day will have 39 sessions for our teachers to take part in. The sessions are run by administrators and curriculum coordinators, as well as some outside people, like Dr. Bolton.

#### **Mrs. Deely, Hickory Point Principal**

- At the December holiday parties, the children decorated gift bags for the Boys & Girls Club of Lake County. We received a nice thank you note from them.
- We are currently collecting coins for Bernie's Book Bank, as well as gently used books in coordination with the February book fair.
- A "Souper" Bowl drive is going on now. We are collecting non-perishable items for the Northfield Food Pantry.
- Two new students started on January 6th.
- We recently worked on Professional Development and this involved our emergency preparedness plan and first aid training.
- The expectations in the building are responsible behavior by all children.
- The next Family Night will be January 31st where a magician will perform.

#### **Lorna Cohen, President PTA Council**

- Sales tax added to hot lunch orders does not seem to be a problem for most people. Very few complaints have come in.

#### **Mileen Zucker, Vice President**

- As the Vice-President, Mileen is in charge of the Nominating committee. The committee will start working on filling the Council President and Secretary positions for the next two years.

**Lisa Woodruff, Treasurer**

- The new budget has been approved.

**Susan Rosen, Secretary**

- Motion to pass the November minutes has been approved.

**PTA Council Committee Reports**

**District 27 5K Race - Mileen Zucker**

- Per Kate Riggs, Hickory Point has eliminated this committee but will push for volunteers to help out with the race.

**Calendar - Lisa Woodruff**

- We will need a new person to take over this position next year.
- The Calendar meeting will be in May.

**Communications - Anna Harris**

- Blogs are going well.

**Directory**

- We should have a digital directory by next year. To be listed in the directory, you must opt in.

**Hot Lunch**

- Hot Lunch ordering is open for the rest of the semester. January 25th is the deadline to pay by check. This should be helpful to the schools' treasurers.

**Environmental - Adrienne Felder Mittleman**

- Here is an update of the Environmental Committees:
- Hickory Point: December's Trash to Treasure program went very well. Students made fleece pull and chew toys for cats and dogs. Students completed the projects during indoor recess periods.
- Shabonee: Preparing for the Book Swap on March 10th. Planning to offer book collection bins for parents/families to bring books in, perhaps during parent-teacher conferences and/or Family Night, to hopefully get more students participating. Will also plan on having class book collection bins during weeks leading up to the Swap.
- Spring Composting Collection: Awaiting collection and cost details from two companies so we can approach the Principals with a proposal for the program in April.

**Club 27 - Marlyse Serlin**

- The event will be May 2nd at the Field's dealership. They are presently working on donations and securing a caterer. There will be an "old school" auction this year. Looking for volunteers, planning to post requests on Facebook. Anna will add this to the blogs.

## **PTA School Reports**

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

- Our next Book Fair will be in February to coincide with Parent/Teacher conferences.
- Kindergarten registration is this month.

### **Shabonee – Dara Owen**

- Family Night has been rescheduled to February 21.
- A new fundraiser in November at Eataco did well.
- As a year-end gift, the school has suggested updating and upgrading the multi-purpose room next to the library. This was an old computer lab and an update would allow it to be utilized by the Broadcast and STEAM clubs.

### **Wood Oaks – Anna Harris**

- A Scholastics Book Fair will be held during February conferences. This year, Scholastics has set up an “eWallet” where parents can deposit money allowing kids to buy books from their phones. Kids will be able to shop during lunch and after school. Extra money will be returned. A Sign-Up Genius has been set up for volunteers to sign-up and help out.
- The 8th Grade Graduation Party committee is working hard. The party will be at Whirlyball this year and a DJ has been booked. T Shirts will be \$8.00.
- Instead of a Spring trampoline party, as we’ve done in the past, this year we’ve planned a Wolves game outing. This will be a fundraiser for the school.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

### **Attendees:**

Dr. Kroeze, Dr. Fournier, Dr. Olson, Mrs. Deely, Lorna Cohen, Mileen Zucker, Susan Rosen, Lisa Woodruff, Anna Harris, Emily Taylor, Dara Owen, Marlyse Serlin, April Terrien, Kate Riggs, Erin Cooper and Amy Thomas.