

WOOD OAKS PTA MEETING
Monday, February 10, 2020

AGENDA

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 9:20.

Attendees: Dr. McElligott, Ms. Beake, Anna Harris, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Andrea Dalinka, Marlyse Serlin, Mileen Zucker and Stacy Freel

2. Principal Report

Dr. McElligott reported:

- a. The staff appreciated the lunch in the lounge.
- b. The Book Fair was in a different location this year. It had a good feel and there was no overcrowding.
- c. February conferences were well-attended. The teacher slots were just as full as the September conferences.
- d. Four of Mr. Beck's Robotics teams advanced to the State competition. The students spent a lot of time before and after school building their robots.
- e. The Wind Ensemble performed at the Educator's Conference. Mr. Gordon said they did a spectacular job with challenging music.
- f. The Eighth graders skyped with Kingston Reif, an expert on nuclear nonproliferation. Mr. Reif is the Director for Disarmament and Threat Reduction Policy at the Arms Control Association in Washington, D.C. and involved in nuclear disarmament around the globe.
- g. On February 11, the Eighth graders will visit three houses of worship.
- h. In honor of President's Day, there will be no school on Monday, February 17.
- i. On February 18, the Eighth graders will take a field trip to the Illinois Holocaust and Education Center.
- j. The District 27 Orchestral Festival is on February 25 and involves both the Wood Oaks Orchestra and the 5th grade Shabonee Orchestra. The Band Festival is on February 27 and involves both the Wood Oaks Band and the 5th Grade Shabonee Band. Both events will take place in the big gym.

3. Vice-Principal Report

Ms. Beake reported:

- a. On Trashless Tuesday, the students are encouraged to bring re-usable lunch bags as part of the Go Green Club.
- b. PBIS is working on activities to encourage random acts of kindness. E-ROARs are available to recognize a student. Parents can also send an E-ROAR to a child to recognize an act of kindness.
- c. The staff has come up with a few ideas to the extent there are extra PTA funds. Mrs. Klein, the music teacher, taught guitar at her previous school. She is looking to add guitar and ukulele to the music program. The estimated cost is \$5,000. The physical education teachers are looking to add fitness equipment and possibly replace the gymnastics unit. Research is being done to determine if storage space can be turned into a fitness room. The cost is estimated at \$20,000. Work would begin next summer.
- d. Fleece vests or zipper hoodies would likely be popular teacher appreciation gifts.

4. Executive Board Report

Anna Harris:

- a. The Treasurer position is open for the 2020-21 school year.

5. Committee Report

Book Fair: The book fair was successful. There was some initial concern regarding the quality of the books, but Mrs. Cronin, the librarian, said the selection was good. More paperback books were offered, so prices were lower, making more accessible to the students. A lot of posters were sold during the fair. The book fair sales totaled \$3,132. Approximately \$1,000 was made available through E-Wallet, but only about 50% of that was actually used by the students. Wood Oaks will take the Scholastic Dollars, rather than the cash proceeds, which Mrs. Cronin will use to purchase books for the school.

Teacher Appreciation: Teacher appreciation for January was “Souper Bowl.” The teachers will receive hot beverages in February for Valentine’s Day.

Fundraiser: The PTA continues to promote family day at the Chicago Wolves game. It will be added to the morning announcements.

8th Grade Party: The t-shirt order has been placed. The t-shirts should arrive the first week of March. The committee has enough volunteers to help with distribution of the t-shirts during lunch and help with the June 1 Whirlyball party. The committee needs volunteers for the Backyard party and the rehearsal on May 26-27. The committee has been unable to find a volunteer to prepare the montage. The committee is working on a graduation gift giveaway for each graduate.

Environmental: It has been a challenge to get information from Lakeshore Waste Disposal about potentially working with them on a composting project. Adrienne will compare their program offerings to Collective Resources, the company used in past, to figure out the best option and hopefully set up a Spring collection.

6. New Business: None

Next month's meeting: March 9, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.

The meeting concluded at 10:15.