

WOOD OAKS PTA MEETING
Monday, March 9, 2020

AGENDA

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 9:20.

Attendees: Dr. McElligott, Ms. Beake, Anna Harris, Marlyse Serlin and Mileen Zucker

2. Principal Report

Dr. McElligott reported:

- a. Wood Oaks had busy weekend. The musicians participated in IGSM. The staff was pleased and the groups scored high. The band performance was moved to Friday night as many students were going to the regional science fair on Saturday. Science fair results: 18 students participated, 12 gold and 11 qualified for State, 5 silver and 1 bronze. Several students also won individual awards.
- b. On March 10, the Eighth Graders will hear Carl Wilkens speak. This is Mr. Wilken's 9th year speaking to students at Wood Oaks. He was the last American to stay in Rwanda during the genocide. He is personally responsible for saving hundreds of lives. He will spend the afternoon with the students. He is an excellent speaker and this is an amazing learning opportunity for the students.
- c. The Illinois science assessment will take place this week for Eighth Graders only. The Sixth and Seventh Grade staff have organized things for the other students to do. Only the IAR tests remain. ELA one week and math the next week. Star testing in May will be taken during a math test.
- d. Four Vex robotics teams are going to State. Five qualified. The next step is the world competition. A couple of teams have a chance at reaching the competition in Louisville.
- e. There are two more weeks in the quarter. The staff/student volleyball game will take place the Friday afternoon before Spring Break.
- f. The school musical will take place after Spring Break. There are two separate casts this year for The Little Mermaid. There are normally 5 shows, but this year there will be 6. The shows will be Wednesday and Thursday night, both 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. on Saturday. There will be two shows during the school day, so each cast/crew has the opportunity to participate in three shows. The Fifth Graders will join the Sixth Graders to see the show. The Seventh and Eighth Graders will see it together.

3. Vice-Principal Report

Ms. Beake reported:

- a. Kindness roars are being earned. On the back of the ROARS are incentives for the staff/student volleyball game, such as key seating, play during halftime, referee. The students are trying to get another all-star day with music in the hallway.

4. Executive Board Report

Anna Harris:

- a. The Treasurer position is open for the 2020-21 school year. Anna is speaking with one possible candidate.
- b. Andy Avalos, the local weatherman, reached out to Wood Oaks through Anna's spouse. His speaking could fit with the Sixth Grade curriculum.

5. Committee Report

Back to School Bash: The Bash is scheduled for August 21, the first Friday in the Fall.

Book Fair: The financials are complete. Mrs. Cronin has a link to spend the Scholastic dollars.

8th Grade Party: T-shirts will be distributed during lunch today. Veronica Gott has volunteered to do the montage. Please remind students about the baby pictures and graduation gift picture frame. The Eighth Graders approached the administration about additional activities outside, such as field day activities for homeroom bonding. The administration will survey the students to assess if there is general interest or just a few students. Additional activities would likely require more supervision.

Environmental: Adrienne is still collecting information from Lakeshore Waste Disposal and Collective Resources. This will likely be shelved until next year.

Fundraiser: The tickets to the Wolves game can be distributed today. Tickets will be dropped off if possible.

6. New Business: None

Next month's meeting: April 13, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.

The meeting concluded at 9:51.