

District 27 PTA Council
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020
Wood Oaks
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APPROVED

Meeting began at 9:20 am

Administrative Reports

Dr. Kroeze, Superintendent

- Thank you to the PTA from all the principals.
- An Environmental scan report will be presented next month.

Dr. Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services

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

- Terra Nova and Star testing info to go out next week. There was a problem with the scoring company but it has been resolved.

Mr. McElligott, Wood Oaks Principal

- Thanks to the PTA for the “Soup-er Lunch” and the Cookie Swap. Both were very successful and well liked by the staff.
- Conferences went well.
- Mrs. Dalinka did a great job with the Book Fair and it raised more than \$3000, plus the school received many new books.
- The annual Robotics competition was held recently and we have three, possibly four, teams going to the State competition on March 12th. Hopefully we’ll be heading to the World competition in Louisville. This will be sponsored by the school. Lorna Cohen suggested Council buy shirts for the team.
- Eighth graders are officially registered for GBN.
- Fifth graders are coming soon to see the Wood Oaks musical.
- Eighth graders will attend a presentation with a speaker discussing non-proliferation of weapons.
- The Houses of Worship field trip is coming up for sixth graders.
- Eighth graders will be visiting the Holocaust Museum.
- Ms. Beake discussed the Kindness Club and the nice things they’re doing.

Lorna Cohen, President PTA Council

Mileen Zucker, Vice President

- As the Vice-President, Mileen is in charge of the Nominating committee. The slate for next year will be presented at the March meeting and posted for a month. We will vote on the slate at the April meeting.

Lisa Woodruff, Treasurer

Susan Rosen, Secretary

- Motion to pass the January minutes is approved.

PTA Council Committee Reports

District 27 5K Race - Mileen Zucker

- The race is set for September 26th.

Calendar - Lisa Woodruff

- Welcome to our new Calendar chair for next year, Lisa Buckley.

Communications

- We need a new person for this position for next year.

Directory - Lynn Howard

- We would like to have a digital directory in 2020-2021. We are currently looking for the right application.
- Elizabeth Janowiak, the District's Interim Director of Technology, was present at this meeting. She stated that we need to comply with the State of Illinois' Privacy Act regarding transferring childrens' data. We're currently waiting on the Illinois State Board of Education to give us some clear direction regarding an online directory. We need to work with a digital directory that complies with the Illinois Privacy Act.
- Lynn is looking into agreements with other digital directories to find the best one for our district. She is hopeful that we can start working on this this summer.

Hot Lunch

- We are waiting for the State to tell us our new Tax ID numbers.

Environmental - Adrienne Felder Mittleman

- Hickory Point is working on plans for a Spring Earth Day project.
- Shabonee is preparing for a Book Swap, which will be held March 13th during the school day. Students can donate books from February 24th through March 6th. There will be collection bins with sign-up sheets in each classroom, as well as in the front foyer of the school.
- All three schools will be composting for Earth Week this year. The committee is waiting on details from compost collection companies to determine the best option to propose to our schools.

Club 27

- As reported by Heather Levine, Carlie Marvel and Melanie Arons, the Club 27 organizers for this year: The event will be May 2nd at the Fields dealership, invitations will be sent out the first week in March, and the ticket price will remain the same as previous years. There will be a silent and live auction.
- We are revisiting our relationship with our sister school in Chicago, The Rachel Carson School and we may raise funds for them from Club 27 as well as in the future.

PTA School Reports

Hickory Point – April Terrien and Kate Riggs

- This is the last week for Box Top collecting.
- The Book Fair did extremely well this year. Sales were approximately \$14,000 and coin collecting for Bernie's Book Bank came to \$1,600 with Scholastic matching it along with 230 books donated. .
- Our recent Family Night had a large turnout. Everyone had a great time and the teachers' raffle brought in over \$1,000.
- The PTA's gift to the school this year will be new "flexible seating." Mrs. Buchanan is bringing in samples for the teachers to choose from.
- We are forming a new spirit wear committee. Lots of "vintage" wear was recently found.
- Committees for next year are being formed now and there is a lot of interest.

Shabonee – Dara Owen and Rivka Daar

- Our Valentine's Day parties went really well and each grades' parties had a philanthropic component. The third graders colored and decorated heart string backpacks for Lutheran General Pediatric patients. Fourth graders made no-sew felt blankets for the Heartland Animal Shelter and Orphans of the Storm. Fifth graders made microwavable heating pads for the Kellogg Cancer Center at Glenbrook Hospital.
- We are currently fundraising for the multipurpose room to become a flexible room for STEAM purposes.
- Family Night this coming Friday will be a movie night.

Wood Oaks – Debbie Salzer Rothschild

- A Scholastics Book Fair was held during the February conferences. This year, Scholastics has set up an "eWallet" where parents can deposit money allowing kids to buy books from their phones and it seemed to work very well. The Fair made \$3,132 in sales, higher than in the past, and the PTA has decided to continue with Scholastic for future Book Fairs.
- The PTA is looking into a year-end gift for this year. The PE curriculum is changing within the next two years to a more physical fitness type program. We will likely need some new equipment so we will be contributing to that with the administration matching our gift funds.
- The music teacher, Genevieve Klein, would like to start incorporating guitars and ukuleles into the music program in the future.
- The 8th Grade Graduation Party committee is in the process of planning graduation gifts to give the students at the party.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Attendees:

Dr. Kroeze, Dr. Fournier, Dr. Olson, Mr. McElligott, Cari Beake, Lorna Cohen, Mileen Zucker, Susan Rosen, Lisa Woodruff, Emily Taylor, Dara Owen, Marlyse Serlin, April Terrien, Kate Riggs, Rivka Daar, Debbie Salzar Rothschild, Adrienne Felder, Lynn Howard, Lisa Buckley, Elizabeth Janowiak

