

## WOOD OAKS PTA MEETING

Monday, September 21, 2020

### AGENDA

#### 1. Welcome

The meeting began at 1:00 pm.

**Attendees:** Dr. McElligott, Mrs. Beake, Anna Harris, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Marlyse Serlin, Shawna Schwalb, Rosanne Gordon and Adrienne Felder Mittleman

#### 2. Principal Report

Dr. McElligot reported:

a. Wood Oaks had a successful opening of the school year. The teachers received significant development over the summer on the technology side, as well as strategies for adapting the curriculum to fit this year's model. Furniture was reconfigured throughout the school. Additional morning supervisors are there to assist with the kids' check in. 17% of the students are learning fully remote. October 31 is last day of this mode. On November 2, families can change their mode. About 185 students are in the building each day. In the past, there were usually about 450 students in the building each day. The staff is working on how the Fall and Winter will work without lockers for coats and change of shoes.

b. Star testing started September 21

c. Some safety drills have taken place and more are coming up

d. Held virtual Curriculum night on Monday, September 14

e. Picture Day this week

#### 3. Vice-Principal Report

Mrs. Beake reported:

a. Conferences: Families will receive an email addressing how to sign up for conferences. All conferences will be done through Zoom. Families will receive an email prior to the conferences with their Zoom links. Conferences will remain the same length of time with 5 minutes between conferences. Families will sit in a waiting room until let in to the conference by the teacher. If the name on Zoom doesn't connect to a student, the teacher may not let you in to the conference. A third day (Friday) was added, which opened up many more spots.

b. ROARS: All are e-ROARs. In addition to teachers submitting, the kids are sending them to each other. The e-ROAR is forwarded from Mrs. Beake to the student. E-ROARDS are automatically

entered into a drawing for an Amazon gift card. The person giving the ROAR receives a small gift card and the recipient receives a larger gift card.

#### 4. **Executive Board Report**

- a. **Budget:** Karen Frum will prepare the final budget. PTA has \$36,000 in the account now. The PTA typically wants to have the budget for 2 years available (about \$60,000). However, because hot lunch proceeds are not available this year, the budget is down. The PTA is considering a “Burger Day.” The issue is the current limitation on admitting people in the building. Wood Oaks needs to be consistent with the other District 27 buildings with respect to visitors and volunteers. PTA will need to look to fundraising to make up for the lack of hot lunch money. The budget will be circulated prior to the next PTA meeting.
- b. **CheddarUp:** PTA has successfully used this platform for fundraisers and spirit wear orders. It is particularly convenient because it allowed families to pay and fill out forms at the same time.

#### 5. **Committee Reports**

**Directory:** The directory is expected to come out towards the end of October.

**Book Fair:** Andrea Dalinka and Debbie Rothschild are working together on the Fair, which will be virtual in February.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party:** Address in the future.

**Environmental:** The Go Green Club is not operating right now, so there are additional opportunities for the Environmental Committee, possibly collecting batteries and printer cartridges. Mrs. Beake will look into what is needed.

**Events and Fundraising:** October 16 will be the family painting event. Information regarding the event will be added to the morning broadcast. The committee is looking into a cooking event and a trivia night. The committee is also looking to acquiring a birthday sign which parents can order for their lawn.

**Spirit wear:** The spirit wear and its site have been revamped. There will be holiday and spring sales with additional items. Roseanne Gordon did a great job of spreading the word of the new site on Facebook. How the spirit wear will be distributed will be confirmed. It may be made available for pick up on a table outside the school before and after dismissal.

**Committee volunteer needs:** Wood Oaks is light in terms of the number of volunteers, but the PTA's needs are lighter this year.

**District 27 race:** About 330 are signed up for the race. The race will be during community suggested hours: 8-11 am, but because it's virtual, it can be done anytime once shirts have been distributed. Neighborhood stations will be set up with people to cheer. Shirt distribution will be on Wednesday, September 23. 2 fundraising events will also raise money for the scholarship: Grill House on 9/21 and Culvers on 9/27. In addition to sponsors, sponsorship was opened to families. 20-30 families signed up to sponsor the race, which raised additional money for the scholarship.

**Teacher appreciation:** Mileen Zucker is planning to do appreciation treats like in past, but distanced-style.

**Welcome wagon:** Shawna Schwalb reported that the new parents were so appreciative. Shawna provided new families with past spirit wear.

**6. New Business:** Despite increasing internet speed, some parents have raised technology issues. Dr. McElligot will convey the issue so the technology department can determine whether it is a Zoom issue or a potential Chromebook issue.

**Next month's meeting:** October 19, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 2:04.

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