

Meeting began at 9:17am

Administrative Reports

Dr. Kroeze, Superintendent

- Returning from Adaptive Pause - Area hospitalizations are on a downward trajectory - only 65 hospitalizations (14 in the ICU) currently. These are the lowest numbers in a while. Positivity rates are also coming down. If the school district learns a family has just returned from a vacation, we are following up with those families and requesting a 14 day quarantine period. There were 2 recent lengthy meetings with the CCDPH and it was agreed that the gold standard of the 14 day quarantine was optimal. If we have a staff member that needs to return prior to that period, it will require a discussion with CCDPH.
- At this time, there is no plan for an Adaptive Pause after Spring Break but families that travel should quarantine prior to returning to school.

Dr. Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services

- Superintendent Search - A new tab has been added to the District landing page on the District website where all documentation related to the Superintendent Search has been posted. This includes the Leadership Profile Report which was created by Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates using data from surveys, focus groups and individual interviews. The findings have been presented to the Board of Education. Overall, it was a positive report. The next step is a 1/21 closed session with the board where a recommended slate of candidates will be presented, and by 1/28 the board will ideally begin interviewing the candidates. The candidates will remain confidential until the finalist names are released. The search is running on time and by mid- to late March, the new Superintendent will be announced. It is not known at this time whether there will be time for onboarding before the new Superintendent starts on 7/1.

Dr. Arakelian on behalf of Dr. Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- STAR - national research and our performance - Nationally the learning loss in reading was low, but the learning loss in math was substantial over the last year. In District 27, there was no substantial learning loss in either math or reading between the Fall 2019 and Fall 2020 scores, which is very good news. The 2nd STAR test has been administered and reports will be sent out to parents in the next 2 weeks.
- Terra Nova testing will be in February. Grades 4 through 8 will do online testing, and Grades 2 and 3 will write in the test booklets. Fully remote students will need to schedule time to come in

for testing as there is no way to administer this test remotely. All related information will be sent to parents this week.

Dr. Arakelian, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

- Vaccination of Staff Update - The school district has been monitoring CDC updates and working with the North Cook Immediate Service Center, the CCDPH, and the IDPH to determine a vaccination schedule. Medical personnel, which includes nurses and speech pathologists, are in Phase 1A and some have already received their first dose of the vaccine. The school workforce is in Phase 1B which could begin as soon as 1/25 or the first week of February. District 27 has done multiple surveys identifying staff with the IDPH and CCDPH. They are still in the process of identifying vaccination centers, and teachers may be vaccinated based on the county in which they reside or the county the school is in - whichever comes first. The school district is not planning on mandating the vaccine.

Mrs. Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications - Nothing to discuss at this time.

Mr. Trevor Hope, Director of Technology - Nothing to discuss at this time.

Rob McElligott and Cari Beake

- Teacher appreciation committees at all 4 buildings have been very active. This includes individual parents, groups of parents, and the PTA. The teachers and staff feel gratitude for the support.
- During the Adaptive Pause, it was very quiet in the building. Teachers feel energized to have students return. There were some students that had travel plans that went beyond 1/3/21; and the office has followed up with some families about the quarantine period. Also a handful of families have decided to stay remote. This has created quite a bit of administrative work to keep the records current. Wood Oaks is preparing to welcome back a new group of fully remote students to school. There are 10 students that will start at Wood Oaks on 2/1, 16 students at Shabonee, and 6 students at Hickory Point. A little work is required before then to ensure proper classroom space for those students.
- PT Conference Maker opened today at Wood Oaks. There were several phone calls at the front desk as a minor login issue was discovered this morning, but an email addressing it has been sent. Conferences will be held via Zoom on 2/3, 2/4, and 2/5.
- Material pickup for remote students resumes every other Thursday, beginning on 1/21.
- Wood Oaks is busy matriculating 8th graders to GBN. Course placements were sent via email last week, orientations held this week, and on Tuesday 1/26 there will be registration via Zoom for "A" students at home, and for "B" students at the school.
- Terra Nova testing preparation is up next and testing will happen 2/10 and 2/11 at Wood Oaks, and at Shabonee the following week.

Council Reports:

Emily Taylor, President

- Emily would like to send an email to all parents that haven't joined the PTA and would like a list of all parents in the district so she can cross check against current PTA members to identify those missing parents.
- Hot Lunch Discussion reminder - Dr. Kroeze will send out some potential dates for a meeting to debrief after the Hot Lunch trial run last fall.
- The Council PTA is looking for a new Vice President and Treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year. A nominating committee will be created at the next meeting.

Mileen Zucker, Vice President

- Extra directories have been distributed to Shabonee and Hickory Point for future PTA members, and still need to be given to Wood Oaks.

Lisa Woodruff, Treasurer - Nothing to discuss at this time.

Lynn Howard, Secretary

- November Minutes - Motion to pass the Meeting Minutes, which was seconded and approved.

PTA Council Committee Reports:

D27 5K Race - Mileen Zucker and Karen Frum - Nothing to discuss at this time.

Calendar - Lisa Buckley - Nothing to discuss at this time.

Communications - Anna Harris - Nothing to discuss at this time.

Directory – Lynn Howard

- After the November PTA Council meeting, a discussion with Trevor Hope confirmed that an electronic directory would not violate SOPPA privacy laws as directory information is not considered part of the student record.
- Several electronic directory options (PaperlessPTO, AtoZ Connect, and DirectorySpot) have been reviewed to determine which vendors would work best with our directory needs and existing data. All 3 options offer directory functionality but some offer additional features. AtoZ Connect offers school store functionality via PayPal without any additional fees. In order to utilize this feature with our 3 school PTAs, 3 directory databases would be needed which would mean 1) different logins for each school, and 2) each school directory would only show family members of students that attended that same school. Lynn contacted the PTA Presidents to see if they had any desire to utilize school store functionality given these impacts. Hickory Point reported that they have existing school store functionality that works well and would prefer that over separate directories by school. Shabonee does not currently have a school store, which is not to say that there couldn't be a function for it. However, there were some questions about how it would work with the current bank (which brings up a bigger discussion about banking which Lisa Woodruff is working on per Emily). Wood Oaks didn't have a chance to discuss at the Jan. PTA meeting and would like to table further discussion until after that meeting.
- It was also suggested that the PTAs meet to discuss whether an electronic directory will best serve the students or if a paper directory is preferred. A meeting will be scheduled for 2/11 with

the Executive Boards of all PTAs to discuss these items, after which it can be added to a future PTA Council agenda.

Hot Lunch – Jill Carter - Nothing to discuss at this time.

Environmental - Adrienne Mittelman - Nothing to discuss at this time.

Club 27 - Mileen Zucker/Marlyse Serlin - Nothing to discuss at this time.

PTA School Reports:

Hickory Point – Samantha Diamond and Kate Riggs

- A Welcome Back luncheon was held yesterday, and Support Staff gifts were really appreciated. The winter holiday parties were a success and materials are already quarantining for the Valentine's Day party.
- A Zoom Trivia Night is scheduled for 1/21. Over 30 families have purchased tickets to participate and there are tons of community donated items as raffle prizes. Square 1 Art is coming up and materials will be sent home this week as it will be completed at home.
- The Hickory Point PTA is also hosting a Valentine's Day Cookie Fundraiser with Max and Benny's after the success of the first event.
- The February Book Fair date has been changed and will be held virtually.

Shabonee – Rivka Daar and Shaka Martin

- Tasty Tuesday was held at Chipotle on 1/12, and another event is scheduled for 3/16 at City Barbecue.
- The Shabonee PTA distributed magic snow kits as a winter giveaway and received positive feedback from several families.
- The Valentine's Day party planning is underway and will have a philanthropic focus as usual. The plan is to donate funds for giveaways to different organizations by grade.
- Square 1 Art will be sent home this week, and the deadline for submission is 2/22.
- As part of continuing staff appreciation efforts, online Dunkin Donuts gift cards were distributed earlier this month, and today a food truck with coffee, doughnuts, and muffins was scheduled to welcome teachers back.
- The Shabonee PTA is planning an outdoor golf fundraiser in late spring.
- The Shabonee PTA is looking for a new Co-President and Secretary for the 2021-2022 school year.

Wood Oaks – Debbie Salzer Rothschild

- There is currently a weeklong fundraiser (runs from Mon 1/18 through Sun 1/24) at both Superdawk locations (Wheeling and Chicago). Please print out the flyer and bring it with you.
- The Wood Oaks PTA is planning a virtual bookfair, working on Grad Party plans, and planning for spring spiritwear.
- The Wood Oaks PTA will be looking for new members in several positions for the 2021-2022 school year.

New Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 10:04am

Attendees:

Dr. Kroeze, Dr. Fournier, Dr. Arakelian, Dr. McElligott, Cari Beake, Tarah O'Connell, Trevor Hope, Emily Taylor, Mileen Zucker, Marlyse Serlin, Kate Riggs, Samantha Diamond, Rivka Daar, Shaka Martin, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Adrienne Felder-Mittelman, Susan Rosen and Lynn Howard.

Next Meeting – Feb 17th at 9:15am – via Zoom