

Meeting began at 9:17am

### **Administrative Reports**

**Dr. Fournier**, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services

- Dr. Kroeze and Dr. Rio had to attend a NSSSED meeting at this same time and therefore could not attend this meeting.
- The Superintendent Search is running on schedule. Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates have narrowed the candidate pool and are conducting more intensive interviews this week. Dr. Fournier cannot comment on the size of the current candidate pool as it might not be public knowledge. They are still on track to announce the final candidate in March and for a meet and greet for the community to meet the new superintendent in April.
- Dr. Kroeze has been working with CCDPH and the Glenbrook Hospital System to see if a group vaccination event can be scheduled for District 27, with hopes of still securing an opportunity in February.
- The CCDPH will be releasing updated travel guidance by Spring Break. There will be no Adaptive Pause after Spring Break. The metrics in our area are on a positive downward trend and therefore no adaptive pause is warranted.
- There will be another opportunity provided for remote students to reenter the hybrid learning model. A survey will be sent March 11th, and re-entry will happen on 4/12. There is no way that we will be able to get all students back to school on a regular schedule this school year unless the requirement on 6 feet spacing were eliminated. At that distance, it is impossible to get everyone in the building.
- We have had great success this year with our current protocols. Currently 87% of students are in person, and there are hopes that the numbers will be even higher at the final re-entry point in April.

**Dr. Olson**, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - Nothing to discuss at this time.

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

### **Council Reports:**

**Emily Taylor**, President

- School store functionality - Can we get all school stores on a common platform - be it Cheddar Up or Square? Can the PTA co-presidents get together to meet to discuss?

- Also, we should find a bank with a convenient location that offers online banking, can do Zelle payments, and where the PTA co-presidents are prompted to review/sign off each time a check is written over \$50. Lisa Woodruff will schedule a meeting with the PTA treasurers and the co-presidents to review the banking options. Per Lisa, the treasurers are working to improve processes for documenting payouts. Lisa has a contact at Chase who indicated that there are no minimums. Debbie Salzer Rothschild will reach out to a contact at Wintrust bank in Northbrook.
- Spirit Wear - should we also pursue a single supplier for Spiritwear to see if we can get the best discounted price on nicer items? For Shabonee and Wood Oaks - they are finding it works best when they order the product they need at the time, rather than running a large production and then having to store it. Both are open to pursuing a single supplier. Hickory Point is also open to see what is available but they did just revamp their spirit wear supplied this year. This will be an offline discussion that can be moved to the end of the directory discussion.
- Nominating Committee - Emily nominates Mileen Zucker to be the head of the nominating committee. A new Treasurer and VP are needed. Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Rivka Daar and Kate Riggs volunteered to be on the committee, and Samantha Diamond will be an alternate. Emily would like to get the Council slate done as soon as possible. We think we have a good candidate for Treasurer but need a Vice President.

**Mileen Zucker**, Vice President - Nothing to discuss at this time.

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

**Lynn Howard**, Secretary

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

#### **PTA Council Committee Reports:**

**D27 5K Race** - Mileen Zucker - Nothing to discuss at this time.

**Calendar** - Lisa Buckley

- The calendar is current.

**Communications** - Anna Harris

- The website has been updated so that the tags are a little more prominent. Please provide tags or keywords when submitting posts to Anna if possible.
- Also Anna has been sending Wood Oaks events to Tarah O'Connell.

**Directory** - Lynn Howard

- Transition to Electronic Directory: The PTA co presidents and the executive boards met on 2/11 and decided as a group, that an electronic directory would serve our students and their families well; and that in an application, we really only need directory functionality, not store functionality. DirectorySpot was the best fit of the tools researched (DirectorySpot, AtoZ Connect, and Paperless PTO) so Lynn Howard created a trial version of DirectorySpot (real school, teacher, and staff data; fake student data) and granted access to all PTA Council Meeting attendees so that they can investigate the functionality for the next 2 weeks. In the meeting, the PTA co presidents also discussed rolling out the electronic directory this Spring so that families can get

used to the features now while they have a paper copy as well. Then in the fall, we do not need to print a paper directory.

- Will School fees be processed this Spring like usual or in the fall? Dr. Fournier indicated that we will not know until we have a better idea about the CCDPH guidelines for the fall. Registration will occur as normal (in fact, Kindergarten registration is open). Perhaps we can do registration with PTA fees only?
- We need to revisit DirectorySpot and directory processes further as a PTA. Lynn Howard will invite the PTA Executive Councils to a meeting to discuss.
- Trial version of DirectorySpot (real school, teacher and staff data; fake student data). All meeting invitees have been granted access. To access, download the DirectorySpot mobile app, or visit [directoryspot.net](http://directoryspot.net). Enter your email address as the username. Select "Reset Password" and follow instructions. Email [lmray17@yahoo.com](mailto:lmray17@yahoo.com) with any questions or issues.

#### **Hot Lunch** – Jill Carter

- There is a meeting scheduled for today, 2/17, between Dr. Kroeze and Emily Taylor to discuss principal feedback about Hot Lunch to determine if Hot Lunch can resume.

#### **Environmental** - Adrienne Mittelman

- Shabonee is exploring doing a Bernie's Book Drive around Earth Day in April.

**Club 27** - Marlyse Serlin - Nothing to discuss at this time.

#### **PTA School Reports:**

##### **Hickory Point** – Samantha Diamond and Kate Riggs

- Hickory Point is preparing for the virtual Book Fair that will be held with Shabonee. Currently running a photo raffle where parents can submit a picture of their child reading and it acts as their raffle ticket for fun prizes.
- Just finished the Valentine's Day Cookie fundraiser with Max and Bennys. The Tasty Tuesdays this year have been consistently bringing in more than \$100 when all three schools work together.
- Hickory Point PTA brought in snacks and drinks to both Hickory Point and the Kindergarten Center for Teacher Appreciation Day.
- The PTA is starting to plan the 2nd Grade party. Mrs. Deely believes that it can be held if it is outdoors in May and the student population is divided between 2 groups. There are 20 2nd graders that are fully remote who would be invited to join for that day. The PTA is currently in the process of submitting the proposal for the event which will need to be approved by Mrs. Deely.
- There was over \$1200 raised at the Trivia Night.
- There were 26 families that started school sometime between the beginning of the school year and now. Some of them have been emailing Mrs. Deely about their difficulties acclimating to the new school and area. The PTA sent a questionnaire out and was able to match 8 new students with 8 same gender children in their classroom for a virtual playdate. They are also organizing a chat by grade for parents to discuss questions and concerns (even things like restaurants in the area).

**Shabonee** – Rivka Daar and Shaka Martin

- The Shabonee PTA completed the Valentine's Day Parties last week. Even though parties were different this year, the Shabonee PTA was able to continue its tradition of Shabonee Gives Back and donated party funds by grade to three organizations in the area. The 3rd grade chose Orphans of the Storm, the 4th grade chose Fill a Heart 4 Kids, and the 5th grade chose the Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook.
- The next Tasty Tuesday is on 3/16 at City BBQ.
- Square 1 is underway. The virtual Book Fair is coming soon. The PTA is starting to plan for 5th grade parties.
- Shabonee postponed their December holiday lunch and instead was able to provide a conference lunch on Friday from Little Louies, and provided doughnuts for Valentine's Day.

**Wood Oaks** – Anna Harris and Debbie Salzer Rothschild

- Wood Oaks just wrapped up their virtual Book Fair and are awaiting final numbers for the event.
- Mileen Zucker delivered heart shaped doughnuts for Valentine's Day for all the teachers.
- Mileen has begun planning the 8th grade party, although there is no commitment to Whirly Ball as it is indoors. Everything is TBD.
- Also currently finalizing a dine out event and doughnuts for March.
- Debbie has been looking at Dwell Social for fundraising. This app was started by a District 27 parent. Do the school PTAs want to get together to bring restaurants from the city to the burbs? All three schools would be interested in this.

**New Business:**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 10:14am

**Attendees:**

Dr. Fournier, Dr. Olson, Tarah O'Connell, Emily Taylor, Mileen Zucker, Lisa Woodruff, Marlyse Serlin, Kate Riggs, Samantha Diamond, Rivka Daar, Shaka Martin, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Anna Harris, Lisa Buckley, and Lynn Howard.

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