

Meeting began at 9:18am

Administrative Reports

Dr. Kroeze, Superintendent

- Full In-Person Instruction Full person in school has resumed and it has been exciting but challenging at times to keep the children the appropriate distance apart. There are daily reminders about the current protocols. The good news is that the weather has been cooperative so the outside tents can be used. There has been one positive Covid case at Shabonee, and as a result of the 3-6 foot distancing, more children that were in close contact with that student had to quarantine, as expected. The teachers are doing a great job and the children have been amazing. As a reminder, please do the Daily Certification form in order to speed the entry process along each day. Overall the report about the return to school has been overall positive.
- Graduation at GBN Graduation plans are still on track. They are currently planning and working on logistical things such as zoning, seating, etc. There will be a comprehensive detailed plan shared in the near future. Hopefully it will not rain. There will be a certain number of family members that can be invited. There will be a ticketing process. Also the entire event will be live-streamed. Families will be sitting in the bleachers and children will be sitting on the field if all goes as planned.

Dr. Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services

- As a reminder, since the doors are open, we do want children in school attending. We would like to discourage parents from picking and choosing the synchronous instruction at will. School should be school, and we need stamina for in-person instruction. Children can work from home on a case-by-case basis if needed, but the children should be in school
- This has been a momentous year for retirements as a dozen teachers and staff members are retiring - many of them with lots of time in the district. The typical celebration will be modified to make it a really special event. There will be an outdoor event scheduled for 5/14 as well as a private district event scheduled for 5/19. The PTA can do their appreciation gift presentation at either one of these events.
- When will Student Registration happen? Typically in May, although the Kindergarten Roundup already began in January and other district siblings can be registered at the same time. The all call announcement will go out sometime in May. However they will be holding off on student fees until the new school year begins, probably late August. We will connect in mid-August to discuss the timing. The last time we closed in March it was a little bit of a nightmare to do reconciliation.

- Dr. Fournier wanted to say that she is appreciative of the efforts the PTA is making in teacher and staff appreciation this year. It is really being felt and it is appreciated.

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

- No further updates on IARand ISA testing at this time

Dr. Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

- Nothing to discuss at this time.

Tarah O'Connell

- Nothing to discuss at this time.

Trevor Hope

- Nothing to discuss at this time.

Dr. Panozzo

- The children were very excited for the first day back, it was like a family reunion. Overall everything has gone well. There have been lots of cars, like hundreds, at pick up and it takes less than 15 minutes to get everyone off ground. A huge thank you to the Shabonee PTA for all of the lunch help, it has been truly a collaborative effort. Many thanks all around. For the second grade transition to Shabonee, the third graders are working right now on a digital book that will be given to the second grade teachers for their classrooms.

Meggan Buchanan

- Thanks all of the PTA for all of the staff appreciation events. They have really been appreciating it this year.

Council Reports:

Emily Taylor, President

- Vote on Council bylaws - We had bylaws at one time, however, we could not find them. Therefore, Emily drafted them with help from the Illinois PTA. The Illinois PTA has signed off on those bylaws, and now vote is needed. There were no questions about the bylaws which were provided yesterday for review. Mileen Zucker made a motion to pass, it was seconded by Debbie Salzer Rothschild. Emily will bring over the bylaws so that they can be signed by the Secretary and the President.
- Vote on Scholarship monies For the Rohrbaugh scholarship, there were 59 applicants for the scholarship. These were a very impressive group of applications, it became very clear that 12 people deserve the scholarship. We need to vote to give \$12,000 in scholarships for the year. Mylene provided an update that the 5K race made about \$12,000 which was almost the exact same amount needed for the scholarship. Emily made a motion to approve the \$12,000 and Marlyse seconded it. The motion passed.
- Vote on the proposed 21/22 slate for PTA Council - Proposed slate is as follows: Anna Harris for Vice President, and Michelle Lebovitz for Treasurer - both first term candidates. Second term candidates are Emily Taylor for President and Lynn Howard for Secretary. Emily made a motion, it was seconded by Mileen Zucker. There are no nominations from the floor and it was passed.

- May meeting in-person under the tents?? The last PTA Council meeting can be held at Wood Oaks in the tents, however there is a 20 person capacity limit.
- Retirement gifts - who will organize and when to deliver? Retirement gifts will likely be handed out at the same time as the last PTA Council meeting.

Mileen Zucker, Vice President

- 8th Grade Graduation update - there were many options discussed including having the party in the parking lot at Wood Oaks. Dr. Rio asked the Park District on our behalf for use of Wood Oaks Park and they approved the request to hold the event there. Dr. Rio will send the Park District application to Mileen for completion. If there will be food at the party, it will need to be individually wrapped. They are still solidifying the plan for the event.

Lisa Woodruff, Treasurer

- We are looking to transition from various Banks to one consistent bank that would have ease of deposit and online banking. She and the other Treasures have been chatting about it. They checked with Chase, the location on Pfingsten will need the tax ID and a slate of bylaws and the Secretary has to open the account and present the documents. But another branch is saying that different items are needed. We've decided to go in as a Council, open one account and see if there are any kinks and then we can advise the other PTAs on what to do. The goal is to open the account before June 30th year-end and transition the money afterwards.

Lynn Howard, Secretary

- March Minutes - Made a motion to pass the March meeting minutes; Lisa Woodruff seconded the motion and they were passed.

PTA Council Committee Reports:

D27 5K Race - Mileen Zucker and Karen Frum

- 2021 5K Race meeting - the 2021 5K race they may have found a chair. There will be a meeting next week Wednesday in the morning to discuss it. Typically the races are the last Saturday of September barring any holiday beer - thinking it's the 25th this year? Tradition of the Vice President of each PTA is on the race committee so please let them know about that. Also each PTA should start looking for volunteers.

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

Communications - Anna Harris

- There was a very nice write-up in the Daily Herald about Wood Oaks and their support of local businesses. Thanks to Tarrah for forwarding information. Mileen also discussed at length about the teacher appreciation efforts. We now have a good connection with the Daily Herald reporter and we were thinking it would be a good idea to do a write-up on the 5K race.
- Also, a request that everybody does their blogs as soon as possible this week.

Directory – Lynn Howard

- DirectorySpot update - Lynn has been processing data change requests and access requests (no more than 70 in the entire process). We have 931 users that have been granted access to

DirectorySpot and 278 have signed in, which is almost 30%. Overall the feedback has been positive and good about directory spot, no negative feedback.

- This reminded Emily Taylor that we still need to invoice the schools for the 2020-2021 directory cost. It was agreed that we will take the number of students plus the number of teachers/staff plus 15 extras to determine the number of copies each school will take.

Hot Lunch – Jill Carter

- We will figure out Hot Lunch for next year.

Environmental - Adrienne Mittelman

- No update as Adrienne was not present.

Club 27 - Marlyse Serlin

- Club 27 will not be happening this school year.

PTA School Reports:

Hickory Point – Samantha Diamond and Kate Riggs

- For Mother's Day they are working on a Painted Penguin fundraiser.
- For teacher appreciation week, each day we'll have special activities such as a luncheon, a gift, a picture. They've also created a sign up for Adopt a Staff Member so that everybody will be included in feel special during this week not just the teachers.
- They're also starting to work on proper acknowledgement of the three retirees.
- They have also done the vote for the new Hickory Point Board, the Board will remain the same except the new Treasurer will be Maryann Czarnota.
- Currently planning a single second grade party, the t-shirts and food are all ready to go. Scheduled for Wed 5/25 (or 5/26 in case of rain). Fully remote students are also invited to join with a chaperone.
- They have sent out PTA sign ups for the committees for next year.

Shabonee – Rivka Daar and Shaka Martin

- They are doing a fundraiser for Marcello's in May, and launched Fresh Midwest for lunch. Square1art is actually ready to distribute.
- The Shabonee deadline for the yearbook is Friday 4/23. This year there's been a flurry of digital signatures which are cute little graphics with a note.
- They are currently planning the 5th grade party for 5/28. They are still working with Dr. Panozzo on all of the details.
- There have been lots of PTA volunteers for lunch and recess supervision and yearbook at the school. The PTA sent the sign up for lunch supervision and within five minutes all spots were filled. They have added a few more spots. Mrs. Buchanan helped develop a training for parent volunteers.
- As far as staff appreciation, there will be a coffee truck tomorrow, and they are working on lunch for office administrators. They are also tentatively working on a flower gram activity for Teacher Appreciation Week.

- Welcome packets have been created and the information will be posted to the PTA page so everyone has access to it. It should also be handed out to new families in paper or electronic format. They will also be creating a new welcoming committee at Shabonee.
- Slate update - The proposed slate will be voted on at the 5/12 meeting. Co Presidents will be Shaka Martin and Lynn Howard, and Secretary will be Kate Riggs. VP will be April Terrien and Treasurer will be James Kinzer (second terms).
- The challenge for the next year will be building PTA involvement as we've lost about 1.5 years of parents being involved in the school. Need to figure out how best to make parents aware of volunteer opportunities.

Wood Oaks – Anna Harris and Debbie Salzer Rothschild

- The Slate was approved at the last meeting, Debbie and Rivka Daar will be the Co-Presidents, Karen Frum will be the Treasurer, Beth Sattler will be the Vice President and Shawna Schwab will be the Secretary.
- The 8th grade graduation committee is currently working on scheduling a 90-minute party at Wood Oaks.
- As far as fundraisers, Wood Oaks just did the Do-Rite Donuts fundraiser on Saturday 4/17, which was the most successful to date. They raised \$1,500. It was the biggest one-day fundraiser that they have conducted. As a result they are planning on scheduling another one for 5/15. This may be a good idea for Council as they generate so much revenue. They are also planning a number of fundraisers through the summer. Marisa's Pizza is currently having a fundraiser through Thursday evening. Josh's will be on April 27th. There will be a pre Cinco de Mayo on 5/4 at Chipotle, and Oliverii from 5/18-5/20. They're also thinking about doing a planting fundraiser for Mother's Day. And Adrienne had mentioned an opportunity to work with Berniee on the environmental front.
- Mileen is planning an amazing teacher appreciation week. We have families that are going to be bringing individually wrapped food items like we normally do. To limit the number of people coming to the school, there will be a 6th grade contact, a seventh-grade contact, and an eighth grade contact where the items can be dropped off. They're also bringing in Lou Malnati's Pizza on Monday, and on 5/5 there will be churros. There are going to be doing a countdown every week until the end of the year. And 8th grade graduation shirts are in.

New Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am

Attendees:

Dr. Kroeze, Dr. Fournier, Dr. Olson, Dr. Rio, Tarah O'Connell, Trevor Hope, Dr. Panozzo, Meggan Buchanan, Emily Taylor, Lisa Woodruff, Mileen Zucker, Marlyse Serlin, Kate Riggs, Samantha Diamond, Rivka Daar, Anna Harris, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, and Lynn Howard.

Next Meeting – May 19th at 9:15am – Wood Oaks tents