

The meeting commenced at 9:16 am. We began with introductions of PTA members.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Deiter, Superintendent

- Dr. Deiter began with a review of enrollment. Dr. Kroeze had a tool to help with enrollment projection which in the past has been accurate within 10 students. At this time we have a healthy kindergarten and first grade. There may be space issues at Hickory Point at some point in time, the only open space available is Adventure Campus which we would like to keep as is.
- There is currently a Health and Life Safety audit that is going on. It is reviewing areas like infrastructure, parking lots, and a general facility use study is being done. The results could lead to potential conversations between the school board and the community, and it could lead to a public referendum which would lead to a vote in either the March of 2022 election or November of 2022 election. This is being heavily discussed at the school board level. The deadline to determine if a vote will be needed is 12/27/21. They are hoping to get the results of the study by late October or early November and then begin analyzing the data.
- The Our Lady of the Brook Church is for sale, this is 11 acres of property that is zoned residential. If developed it could lead to 30-40 new single-family homes in District 27.

Dr. Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services

- Dr. Fournier indicated that they have been very busy on-boarding 25 new employees since the beginning of this year. They had a wonderful New Teacher Academy for the new teachers, and they are recruiting more substitute teachers and had training last week. Many substitutes who missed out on the 2020 - 2021 school year, came back for this school year. We are eager to hire lunch and recess supervisors because there are many lunchroom locations and rotations. Eight community members have applied so far for the positions and are undergoing criminal background check and fingerprinting. They will also be getting training from the nurse. Having employees rather than volunteers in these positions helps with consistency for students. Overall, students had wonderful opening days of school.

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

- Dr. Olson indicated they are very busy implementing all aspects of the curriculum. They are very glad to have all students back. They've had to make some adjustments to allow for social distancing which means that some of the smaller group activities cannot happen. Things are closer to normal, but not quite there.
- The math curriculum is not a new curriculum, however we are using a new resource. MATHia is a tool that is available for grades 6-7 - it is a more sophisticated personalized learning tool for students. K-5 students use Freckle Math. Because these are new tools, there is a slight learning curve for students when figuring out how to manage MATHia.

Dr. Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

- Dr. Rio wanted to thank parents for their support and patience with our current bus transportation situation. There are currently less drivers, less buses, and longer route times than desired. Everything seems to be getting better but it has been a very rough start to the year. They continue to work with North Shore Transit to improve the ride times, some routes are as long as 40 or 45 minutes which is very long for our riders. There is currently a national impact due to driver shortage, it is not just a District 27 problem.

Mrs. Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications

- Tarah wanted to remind everybody that we launched a new mobile app. There are 950 downloads so far and we have 1,300 students. You can search NB27 on Android and Apple app stores and it should help to bring the district website to your fingertips.

Mr. Trevor Hope, Director of Technology

- No report, just happy to get new Chromebooks for the students this year.

Dr. McElligott, Wood Oaks Principal

- There was a Principal meeting on Tuesday with the principals of all three schools and they all agree that the year is off to a terrific start. There is a tremendous amount of energy in the building and teachers report overall happiness. All three buildings have had orientation for the new students as well as students that were fully remote in 2020-2021. For the first day at Wood Oaks, the PTA donated balloon towers, balloons and streamers for the classrooms. There was music playing in the halls during passing periods. They dove right into the school year with PBIS supports, and are approaching mid-quarter next week already. They are currently working through emergency drills at all buildings. They've already had their first evacuation drill and bus evacuation drill; and Wood Oaks did their shelter in place walkthrough. The first active intruder drills will be coming up and there will be communications prior. Also interscholastic sports are back and students are now inside the building daily until 5:30 or 6p which is quite a change from last year. Clubs are also starting up again. The chess club had their first meeting yesterday. Parent teacher conferences will be on October 20th through the 21st and they are now using a different program for parents to sign up.

Mrs. Beake, Wood Oaks Assistant Principal

- Mrs. Beake said that they are working and doing more recognition of students for PBIS. This year they can bring back paper reward certificates, and as a result, the Reward Roar store is back. It is now an online process where students can place their order and the office handles distribution. They actually were able to use old 5K race t-shirts in the Roar store which sold out, so please consider donating any extras after the race for use as rewards.

Council Reports:

Emily Taylor, President

- Hot Lunch update - There was a hot lunch meeting between Emily Taylor, Robin Bear, the Principals and Dr. Deiter. Starting on 9/16 we will offer three weeks of hot lunches on Thursdays. The dates will be September 30th, October 7th, and October 14th. There will then be a meeting

on October 15th to review how the trial hot lunch went. We will not be taking any cash or checks during this time, all PTAs have to have PayPal setup so that credit card processing can be used. There are some staffing issues that will occur with these lunches, Hickory Point will be the hardest due to the number of spaces that they have. Emily is going to Hickory Point today to see how hot lunch can happen at Hickory Point. It will definitely be easier at Shabonee and Wood Oaks. A PTA blast communication will go out to let people know about ordering on Thursday night. Kate requested that there be a detailed plan in place for Hickory Point so that it would not be a confusing situation. There is no need at this point in time for a volunteer at Wood Oaks as they will have one central location for distribution.

- Goals for the year - Emily has a few goals as the PTA Council President this year. She would like to see the PTA expand with more people involved and more interest in the leadership roles. She would like to challenge PTA Presidents to also try to get more people involved. She would like to continue funding the Rohrbaugh scholarship for GBN seniors. She would like to continue strong communication to the parent body (and special thanks to Anna for the blasts she sends). She would like to make sure that communication between the PTAs stays strong, and finally, if possible bring back a Club 27.

Anna Harris, Vice President

Michelle Lebovitz, Treasurer

- PTA Council and all three school PTAs have opened their Chase accounts. This will allow them to send and receive money using Zelle in the future. She has set up quick books accounts. We will begin reporting sales tax for hot lunches.

Lynn Howard, Secretary

- Approve minutes - the Minutes from April 2021 were approved at the May meeting
- Please let me know if the Meeting Minutes need adjustment or are lacking in details.

PTA Council Committee Reports:

D27 5K Race -Anna Harris & Melina Waddle

- Update - The District 27 5K/1 Mile/Kid's Dash Race is the current big item. At this time, there are close to 370 people signed up for the various races: 170 for the 5K, 145 for the 1-mile run, and 40 for the Kid's Dash. There have also been some T-shirts sales as well. Registrations definitely picked up before the deadline to purchase the tech shirt. People can continue to register until the morning of the race. So far they raised \$8,000 for the Scholarship through fundraising. The event will be quite fun, there will be two DJ's from Bach To Rock, a student band performing as well as cheerleaders. Hi Five will be conducting an obstacle course, and there will be stations for kids to make posters. There will also be a Do-rite Donuts fundraiser with pick up at the race. And on Sunday after the race there will be a Culver's dine out. They do need 10 more volunteers for the race course at this time.

Calendar - Lisa Buckley

- The calendar is current with everything Lisa has been sent so far. Please let her know of any changes.

- Anna Harris mentioned that there was a joint dine out calendar for the three schools last year - do we want to continue to maintain a separate dine out calendar or put all of our tasty Tuesdays in the main calendar? Agreed to maintain a separate calendar with Tasty Tuesdays so that the three schools can coordinate the effort. There will also be a DQ special event for all 3 schools coming up - there is no date on that yet.

Communications - Anna Harris

- Anna has been using the new interface for the blasts which allows for improved graphics and display. Thanks to everyone who has been observing the Wednesday deadline for PTA content for the newsletters. She is also working on updating PTA Pages as requested.

Directory – Lynn Howard

- The directory was updated with our new year information. There were some minor glitches which resulted in some user calls. The process has been updated so in the future, the transition to a new school year should be much smoother. We continue to provide support to people with the directory including directory change forms. We have also now opened up the process to start processing PTA memberships for staff and teachers.

Hot Lunch –

- See update above under Emily Taylor

Environmental -

- The committees at 3 schools are coming together. Each committee will reach out to the Principals with their ideas for the school year. They are looking at doing a plastic bag collection and recycling at Shabonee. Hopefully this year we will revive student activities at the schools including book swap.

Club 27 -

- No update.

PTA School Reports:

Hickory Point – Samantha Diamond and Kate Riggs

- Hickory Point has had a good start to the year. The Teacher Appreciation Welcome lunch was catered by Washington Garden. They have had 5-7 parent volunteers each day for lunch. They paid extra fees on Sign Up Genius to make it harder to cancel volunteer spots and it seems to be working. The spirit wear has almost sold out in the last week, and they just received another \$2,000 order that will debut at Family Night on Friday September 17th. This event is planned by Jen Fingerman who is an actual party planner. That will be Josh's, Hi Five, Dairy Queen, tables set up for the Bluehawks and the Boy Scouts, as well as GBN cheerleaders, a GBN band, and a DJ. They had their first Teacher Appreciation surprise which was candy dropped off in the mail boxes. They are hoping to continue what we started last year and do monthly treats for the teachers and staff. The Chase account for Hickory Point PTA has been set up. They're now working on their annual raffle fundraiser which will be in early December.

Shabonee – Shaka Martin and Lynn Howard

- The Shabonee PTA hosted our Teacher Welcome luncheon catered by Grill House. They had a presence at curriculum night with a table and were available to answer any PTA related

questions. They hosted the fall Family Fun Night on Friday, September 10th with Spice City Music DJs and Josh's Hot Dogs, and sold vintage spirit wear at the event. The turnout was great. The updated bylaws were passed at the first PTA meeting of the year. The Shabonee PTA opened a new Chase Bank account. They have finalized most committee chairs and members. They are currently getting ready for our October book fair, new spirit wear sales, custodian appreciation day on 10/2, tasty Tuesday 10/12, and Halloween Class parties.

Wood Oaks – Debbie Salzer Rothschild and Rivka Daar

- The Welcome Back luncheon was brought in by Grill House. The balloon towers and balloons were donated by Jill Strezlin and they used them to decorate the lounge in the office for about a week. Their first fundraiser was Grill House and they brought in approximately \$411. The next one will be at Eat Taco on the 22nd and 23rd. Also recommend a partnership with CATCH and supporting them with a \$250 donation. There will be a live speaker (Dr. Tina Payne Bryson) on Monday September 20th at 7 p.m. that we should all support with our announcements. There is now a Welcome Wagon chair person who has welcomed two new families with the last of the spirit wear. There will be an Affy Tapple fundraiser on October 9th. Wood Oaks is also now going to be doing birthday signs which will be slightly different than the other schools. Spirit wear is also coming soon. This year Wood Oaks will continue their Wood Oaks supports local initiative. Their Chase account has also been set up and they are continuing to use Cheddar U and Zelle for no fees. They also will be redoing their bylaws this year.

Dr. Fournier would just like to support attending the virtual meeting on Monday with Dr. Tina Payne Bryson. She also noted that all of our PTA reports mentioned teacher and staff appreciation and the efforts are phenomenally noticed and appreciated. Dr. Deiter reiterated that he has also heard that the support of the PTA is a recurring theme. He heard this during his onboarding process. Also there is an environmental report from the village of Northbrook which includes an action plan. Dr. Deiter will include a link in the agenda for us to review (see below).

New Business:

none

<https://www.northbrook.il.us/993/Climate-Action-Plan>

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.

Attendees: Dr. Deiter, Dr. Fournier, Dr. Olson, Dr. Rio, Trevor Hope, Tarah O'Connell, Dr. McElligott, Cari Beake, Emily Taylor, Anna Harris, Michelle Lebovitz, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Rivka Daar, Kate Riggs, Samantha Diamond, Adrienne Felder-Mittelman, and Lynn Howard