

Meeting commenced at 9:18am

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Dr. Deiter**, Superintendent

- We are currently engaged in an audit of facilities with an Architecture Firm. They are walking through the facilities with the principals to discuss what needs to be improved and/or expanded. The results of this facilities review will likely result in a referendum in June of 2022 (not May).
- Also, there will be no school on election days going forward which means there will not be school on November 8th, 2022 due to the gubernatorial election.
- The PTA will most likely be needed to help with the efforts to pass the referendum, as school employees cannot encourage a vote one way or another. The effort would likely include organizing a 501c3 to raise some money and push a Yes vote. A PR firm will guide the path which could include a three to four minute video which could be distributed to the community which visually represents the needs at the schools.
- Dr Deiter continues onboarding including meeting staff and teachers and visiting schools.

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

- Dr. Fournier continues mentoring and on boarding the 25+ new employees this year. Her assistant, Julie, is retiring mid-month and training her replacement.
- SHIELD testing - Dr. Rio is the lead on Shield testing. A tentative target start date was set for 11/2/21. They are finalizing testing procedures and will communicate more once the details are known.

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

- Dr. Olson gave an IAR assessment update (the Illinois Assessment of Readiness for grades 3-8). There is no state data or results from last year's testing yet and they will not be available until April 27, 2022. Some districts opted to give last year's IAR this fall hence the delayed results. Implications of this delay are huge as until you see state-level data there is no context for the scoring.
- Student stamina and self regulation continues to be an issue - it's a phenomenon across the nation.
- The LRIA (Learning Renewal Interim Assessment) is a state interim assessment that is being administered at Wood Oaks. LRIA is replacing STAR testing.
- STAR math testing at the middle school is three times a year; they discontinued STAR reading years ago. LRIA includes a reading assessment. It's aligned with the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and it helps ID standards to test. It should give good general information about how students are progressing. This is a free assessment offered in this state as they got rid of the STAR.

- If the governor changes would this change the standards? In the arena of assessment you always have to expect changes.

**Dr. Rio**, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

**Mrs. Tarah O'Connell**, Director of Communications

- (Dr. Deiter reporting for Tarah) - We are doing a communication perception survey and will be launching surveys for staff students and parents in January. The focus groups include parents, community members and staff and they are looking at multiple areas including satisfaction, safety, security, pride in school, and whether or not students are appropriately challenged.

**Mr. Trevor Hope**, Director of Technology

- No update.

**Mrs. Deely**, Hickory Point Principal

**Mrs. Buchanan**, Hickory Point Assistant Principal

- It's been a great start to the year. The students at Hickory Point are settled into the school year and excited for Halloween, including a streaming of their parade. Hot lunch has gone well. They require lots of volunteers to make each lunch run - Hickory Point could not do it without the PTA.

### **Council Reports:**

**Emily Taylor**, President

- Hot Lunch update (see below)
- Club 27 maybe could be linked with the referendum or 501c3. It does not need to be a huge fundraiser but could be a parent/ community event.

**Anna Harris**, Vice President

- Race and communications update (see below)

**Michelle Lebovitz**, Treasurer

- Michelle has been working with the treasurers at the 3 schools to figure out how to pay Reseller's Tax for hot lunch and has also worked on the budget.

**Lynn Howard**, Secretary

- Approve September Meeting Minutes - The September Meeting Minutes were approved.

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

**D27 5K Race** -Anna Harris & Melina Waddle

- There were about 400 runners and they raised just over \$14,000. We will give the same amount of scholarships as last year to ensure some money remains for a rainy day. All trophies were distributed. We looked at new dates for fall of 2022 and due to holiday conflicts in September, we may be moving to the very first week of October. We've decided to start some of the 5K Race work earlier and see if we can't get bigger corporate sponsors who need more time to process the paperwork.

**Calendar** - Lisa Buckley

- (Lynn Howard reporting for Lisa) The calendar is current, please send any updates to Lisa.

- Reminder from Anna Harris: Don't forget that there is a calendar that includes all of the dineouts including Wood Oaks dine out at CPA (Chicago Pizza Authority) today and tomorrow.

**Communications** - Anna Harris

- We slightly went over our quota of communications due to the race but this month we should be doing better with our numbers going forward as we only have communications about book fair, the coat drive, and hot lunch. As a reminder, PTA blogs are due Wednesdays at 8 pm.

**Directory** – Lynn Howard

- We continue to get PTA membership data from the school district which is then distributed to the three schools. The data is also used to update DirectorySpot user data. For staff and teachers, Hickory Point and Shabonee PTAs have provided a list of paid staff and teacher PTA members and DirectorySpot access has been granted. At Wood Oaks, Karen Frum has the list of teacher/staff PTA member names as teachers and staff pay with Zelle for PTA membership.

**Hot Lunch** – Emily Taylor

- There will be a communication coming out that hot lunch will be moving to two days a week (Mondays and Thursdays) at Shabonee and Wood Oaks. Hickory Point will have hot lunch one day a week (Thursdays). This is a very fluid situation, we are hoping as vaccines are pushed out, the seating mandates will change and we can have hot lunch more often. Hickory Point is setting up volunteers who've been trained and the Shabonee co - presidents need to make sure they get good volunteers.
- Hot Lunch orders open today.

**Environmental** - Adrienne Felder-Mittelman

- Environmental committee is looking at doing a recycling effort for crayons at Wood Oaks and possibly the other schools.

**Club 27** -

- No update at this time. We need individuals interested in running Club 27.

**PTA School Reports:**

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

- Hickory Point is preparing for the book fair in November - they will need lots of volunteers to run the event. They just finished the Charleston Wrap fundraiser and made \$900. Parents have the opportunity to bring snacks for the parent teacher conferences, and there will be a cupcake table surprise for teachers as well. The hot lunch trial went well. The room parents are getting ready for the Halloween parties. Hickory Point is getting ready to restock Spirit wear - they have sold close to \$4,000 already this year. They're adding some new fun winter items. They are fairly certain that the typical January family night is not going to be possible and coming up with an alternative plan. They are running a raffle which ends on December 4th with a donut Drive. They will have stations in the Horseshoe at Hickory Point and if the weather is nice they can do a playground party with hot chocolate as well. They are collecting Community prizes for the raffle and so far they have 24 prizes from local businesses with a retail value over \$3,000. Their family fun night committee is currently organizing a family scavenger hunt for January and they are just starting to plan those details. They have decided that all fundraising money this year we'll go to teacher appreciation.

**Shabonee** – Shaka Martin and Lynn Howard

- Shabonee hosted their first Tasty Tuesday on October 12th at City BBQ in Deerfield. The fall Scholastic Book Fair is currently underway and includes a Parent Shopping night as well as 2 days for the students to shop the fair - the first day the kids shop is today. Custodian Appreciation Day was on October 2nd and the Staff Appreciation Committee provided gift cards and thank you notes. Shabonee also just finished their fall spirit wear sales event and generated quite a few sales. Parent Teacher conferences are coming up and the Staff Appreciation Committee has a treat planned for Friday.

**Wood Oaks** – Debbie Salzer Rothschild and Rivka Daar

- Wood Oaks is running the crayon collection environmental project. They are having a tasty Tuesday at Chicago Pizza Authority and have shared a calendar for dining out which can be updated by all three schools. Their EatTaco event earned Wood Oaks \$100, but EatTaco was kind enough to write a check for \$200. There's a CATCH Community event for 7th graders and up that will be included in their blogs until November 15th. They also voted to donate \$250 to CATCH as a donation and they'll make that annual amount. For custodian appreciation day, Erin Machat and her committee gave different treats to the different shifts. They are bringing back the ice skating event at the Glenview ice rink on Friday November 12th for all Wood Oaks students. The PTA will be paying for ice rental and skates. They did a flash sale for their old spirit wear and the old Wood Oaks stuff was gone in minutes. They're going to be hosting a new store on CheddarUp. They're going to be dropping off some old small masks at the school for Hickory Point for PBIS.

**New Business:**

- Rivka Daar is a vaccine clinic volunteer and is wondering if there is any information about potentially hosting a vaccine clinic? A few organizations may have reached out to Dr. Rio. They tried last year but were unsuccessful in efforts to coordinate a clinic. Maybe we could partner with D28 or the Village of Northbrook? Rivka just recently reached out to the Village of Northbrook and they are just starting to work on it. New Trier Township announced a vaccine clinic date of 11/11. Perhaps Jonathan Carroll could help. Dr. Deiter's preference would be a drive thru clinic if the district hosted it.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16am.

**Attendees:** Dr. Deiter, Dr. Fournier, Dr. Olson, Trevor Hope, Meggan Buchanan, Emily Taylor, Anna Harris, Michelle Lebovitz, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Rivka Daar, James Kinzer, Kate Riggs, and Lynn Howard