

The meeting commenced at 9:16am.

This is the last PTA Council meeting until 2022.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Deiter, Superintendent

- Covid Update: You can see our current situation on the District 27 dashboard Covid dashboard. We had several positive cases in the district at the end of October, mostly affecting three third grade classes and one fifth grade class. These classes were quarantined as they met the criteria for an outbreak which means there were at least three positive cases that couldn't be tied together outside of the school. There seems to be another surge going across the country which fortunately coincides with youngsters 5-11 getting vaccinated. By the time we return from winter break in January, most of the kids should be fully vaccinated and hopefully there will be some changes to mask requirements or cafeteria seating arrangements from the state. When the students are fully vaccinated at Shabonee and Hickory Point, we are asking parents to turn in immunization cards through SurveyMonkey, just like at Wood Oaks.
- Dr. Rio and I would both like to express thanks to the PTA for all they do, like last month's breakfast.

Dr. Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services

- Question - how many retirees this year? As you know, this has been a really big onboarding year. The spring of 2022 looks to be a smaller group of retirees with only 4 currently planning to retire. Those include Julie Kelmis, Pete Lograsso, Julie Revello, and Dr Fournier. For the Orchestra Director position, they are already screening applicants. Dr. Fournier joined District 27 in 1994 as the principal of Grove School. When she retires, she will have hired 88% of the entire workforce.

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

- Planning for the Summer 2022 Literacy and Math Student Success Program - Title I & Parent Compact - The district intends to rerun the summer literacy and math program that we ran last summer. This is a half-day, need-based program. It was an extension of a well-established reading practices program that ran previous years. There will be some improvements to the program. The program runs through Title 1 funding which has allowed the district to expand to a half day and add other components. They sent out questionnaires to understand why people didn't participate when offered a chance in the past, and as a result, have moved the program timeline up and will start making announcements to parents of eligible students in January. This is a very specific outreach to families of eligible kids. With the Parent Compact, they're hoping to build the communication loop and processes to help those students be successful all year. It's anticipated this will once again be a six-week program, with three weeks dedicated to each. Obviously staffing is a big part of the formula to determine the schedule. This program also includes Solomon Schechter and they will also be invited to participate. The district hasn't fully identified the eligible children for this upcoming summer yet. Emily suggested they send an announcement advising parents that program details will be announced in January to eligible families just in case parents are already planning their summer activities now.
- The previous update from Dr. Olson said that IAR results would be sent out - that is actually happening now. The envelopes are currently being stuffed and are going to go out in the mail this Thursday. This will include the IAR results for current 4th and 5th graders as well as the LRIA from the fall for 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their IAR results. The final mailing group will be to last year's 8th graders which will be done after the results are mailed to current district students.

Dr. Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

Mrs. Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications

- The hard copy newsletters hit mailboxes this week. There is also going to be a Satisfaction survey going out in January. This is done every two years. They are hoping for a good turnout in responses. At this time parents, students, and staff are surveyed.

Mr. Trevor Hope, Director of Technology

- No update at this time.

Dr. Panozzo, Shabonee Point Principal

- Dr. Panozzo sincerely thanks the Shabonee PTA for their help this year and appreciates the flexibility needed in today's environment. All of the efforts have definitely made the school year better.
- Shabonee is currently working on new PBIS goals - they know that kids' stamina is different than previous years and they're trying to work with the PBIS team to give kids the tools they need to help with their stamina.
- The second trimester has begun, and report cards will be available on Friday December 3rd.

Council Reports:

Emily Taylor, President

- Hot Lunch - is it ok to open December ordering? Dr. Panozzo said it seems like the Hot Lunch program is working well at Shabonee. Dr. Dieter supports the idea of continuing hot lunch into December as long as we leave the schedule to the current days until we get any kind of updated guidance from the state.
- Proposed budget - feel comfortable having a vote. Emily shared the proposed 2021-2022 PTA Council budget with meeting attendees and it was agreed that we could go ahead and vote to approve the budget at this meeting. Emily made a motion to vote, Lynn seconded the motion, and the 2021-2022 budget was approved.
- Club 27 - past organizers not interested, and one had some unkind transactions with certain members of the PTA. Emily would like to remind everyone to be kind in their PTA transactions as we don't want to have anyone turned off to working with the PTA.
- For WO - have magnets & electronic cloths - this can be an offline discussion
- Meeting scheduled with Cheryl (Auditor) and Robin from Lunch Solutions for this Friday 11/19 at 11am to discuss sales tax via Zoom. This meeting is to ensure that everyone is on the same page of how to calculate the sales tax due.

Anna Harris, Vice President

- Fresh Midwest - Just a reminder that the first time you order, you get \$25 off your order and the PTA also gets \$25. Emily provided some updated Fresh Midwest content for the holidays, Debbie asked if she could share that information so that we can publish in our blogs this week.

Michelle Lebovitz, Treasurer

- She has been handling some IRS fines due to some historical reporting discrepancies. Michelle will be talking to Cheryl the Auditor about it. Also Michelle would like to know if the PTA Council has a place to receive mail. Per Debbie, Michelle is currently holding all mail for the council and the Wood Oaks PTA at Wood Oaks. Debbie will ask Michelle if she can create a folder for PTA Council and a folder for the Wood Oaks PTA so that the mail can be appropriately put in the two places for distribution.

Lynn Howard, Secretary

- Approve October Meeting Minutes - The October Meeting Minutes were approved after Lynn solicited last minute changes.

PTA Council Committee Reports:

D27 5K Race -Anna Harris & Melina Waddle

- Waiting for the DoRite Donut Check for \$298. Debbie said that she thought that the Do Rite check had been received at Wood Oaks and may have been accidentally deposited in the Wood Oaks PTA account thinking it was the check for their Do Rite fundraiser. Talk to Karen Frum about this.

Calendar - Lisa Buckley

Communications - Anna Harris

Directory – Lynn Howard

Total PTA Memberships (586) as of 11/15/21:

- 184 at Hickory Point (161 family and 23 staff/teacher)
- 168 at Shabonee (148 family and 20 staff/teacher)
- 234 at Wood Oaks (183 family and 51 staff/teacher)

Historical notes

- 20/21 - 563 (no staff included in this number) WO 182
- 18/19 - Wood Oaks only 281

Hot Lunch – Emily Taylor

- (see update above - Hot Lunch will continue in December)

Environmental - Adrienne Felder-Mittelman

- Terracycle runs recycling programs however it can be very difficult to secure a spot. Adrienne has been checking and found open spots in a free program to us. This would involve collecting used pens, mechanical pencils, empty glue stick containers, empty watercolor trays. If we collect enough of those items we could even get money back from Terracycle. We continue to remain enrolled in the program as long as we send a shipment to them every 6 months, Adrienne said ideally we would be sending something more than a shoe box amount, like the size of a printer paper box. Dr. Panozzo said this sounds like something easy to do at Shabonee and similar to something they have done in the past. Collections should happen at one central donation location at each school.

Club 27 - (update from Emily)

- We cannot find anyone to run this event. Please send any suggestions on how to get Club 27 running to Emily.

PTA School Reports:

Hickory Point – Samantha Diamond and Kate Riggs

- Hickory Point held their Halloween parties using a new-this-year Party In a Box concept. This involves a box being wrapped with all of the activities, the teacher opening or unboxing the items, and the kids then doing the activities. After the party they sent out a Google form to get feedback and 98% of the teachers preferred this party in a box format to any of the other parties including Zoom parties or in person Room Parent parties.
- Hickory Point also collected a ton of goodies for the Parent Teacher conferences and provided a cupcake table. They also had Nothing Bundt Cakes last week for teachers in-service day.
- Hickory Point just finished their first Kids Shop the Book Fair event which was successful. They had over \$9,000 in sales which doesn't include the online book fair sales which wrap up this Friday 11/19. They also had \$450 in donations for the teachers to purchase books.
- On December 4th, they are holding their big raffle fundraiser in conjunction with a Do-rite Donuts fundraiser. They're offering over 80 prizes which include community prizes and teacher donated prizes. They're going to be selling spirit wear and have other activities weather pending.
- Sam and Kate have been going in every week to run the hot lunch program and have trained three to four volunteers to help. Everything seems to be going well. One of the changes they made was to remove the gluten-free option and it has streamlined the process.

Shabonee – Shaka Martin and Lynn Howard

- Shabonee held their classroom Halloween parties with the Room Parents on zoom and it was overall a success. Room Parents are also getting ready to send communications to the classroom parents about holiday gifts and starting to prepare for the Winter holiday party on 12/17.
- Shabonee also held their first Kids Shop the Book Fair in October. The Book Fair had \$11000 in sales - \$10484 at the physical fair and \$520 online which resulted in \$4806 in Scholastic Dollars. We also had students vote for the Halloween costumes worn by Dr. Panozzo and Mrs. Buchanans. The options were Disney Duo, Funny Food, and Olympics and the costumes were Cruella DeVil and a dalmatian.
- We are just starting to think about the January Family Fun Night which will most likely not be a movie night at Shabonee.
- Hot Lunch has been running twice a week and we have 4 volunteers every Monday and Thursday and so far, Hot Lunch has been running well.
- Shabonee PTA is bringing back the Display Cases which allow students to showcase any collections they may have and just announced it to Shabonee families last week. It may be opened up to staff and teachers in the future.
- Starting to plan December's Tasty Tuesday and currently promoting the Dairy Queen fundraiser.
- Spirit wear that was ordered in October was delivered and distributed. The Spirit Wear committee is considering another event in the spring.
- At the last Shabonee PTA meeting, we also discussed holding a Penguin Fair with Dr. Panozzo and determined that if we were to pursue, April would be a better month (a Mother's Day sale).

Wood Oaks – Debbie Salzer Rothschild and Rivka Daar

- Huge kudos to Anna Harris for doing an amazing job bringing back the Great Skate at the Glenview Ice Rink on the in-service day last week. There were 165 participants signed up, so many that the Glenview Ice Rink provided an extra ice area for broomball and someone to help run it. It was very successful.
- Also a huge kudos to Erin Machat for Staff Appreciation treats in October for Custodian Appreciation Day (Pizza and Panera for the different shifts). There were also treats for Parent Teacher conferences and on Principal's Day, they had Nothing Bundt Cakes.
- Rivka and Debbie have been the Hot Lunch volunteers so far but will be creating a Sign Up Genius for the Wood Oaks Executive Board and main committee chairs to sign up to help. Ideally they will train one other person for hot lunch to help alleviate the need for them to be involved each day.
- There was some slight yearbook confusion, parents should order through Josten.
- They are still considering whether or not there will be an in-person component to the book fair in February, however it sounds like there were promising events at the other two schools. It really depends on the social distancing aspects.

- Just a reminder to please promote the Dairy Queen fundraiser.

New Business:

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11am.

Attendees: Dr. Deiter, Dr. Fournier, Dr. Olson, Trevor Hope, Tarah O'Connell, Dr. Panozzo, Emily Taylor, Michelle Lebovitz, Adrienne Felder-Mittelman, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Rivka Daar, Shaka Martin, Sam Diamond, Kate Riggs, and Lynn Howard