

The meeting commenced at 9:17 am.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Deiter, Superintendent

- Thank you for the treats during conferences - they were very appreciated.
- Currently heavy into planning for 2022-2023. The number of Kindergarten enrollments is down considerably (almost a full section) from where they were last year at this time. The district is unsure if they need to be doing anything else to reach out to prospective students. The last 2 Kindergarten classes had higher than normal enrollment.
- Also preparing for staff changes. Dr. Fournier is retiring - they are looking to hire a Director of Human Resources and Student Services. Also making changes to the Director of Special Education position.
- Currently focused on the masking issue. Dr. Deiter has received some emails on both sides of the masking debate. The reality is we are heading towards a mask optional environment. The recent ruling overturned the Health Department's ability to enforce masking. If a district wants to go mask optional, they have increased legal backing to support them.
- Masks will be a topic for discussion at the next School Board meeting on 2/24.
- The goal of the district is to provide a safe environment.
- Question - is the mask optional decision based on the governor's mandate or on the positivity rate of the area? The recent ruling means there is no one to enforce the governor's ruling, so the school board will need to discuss. The positivity rate in the area is trending at 3.2% - which is a good number. They are waiting to see if the governor, CDC or IDPH will issue an update.

Dr. Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services

- There has been a trickle of applications for substitutes so the district continues to do onboarding and technical training.
- They are thankful for parent help in the lunch room and at recess.

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

- No update at this time.

Dr. Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

- No update at this time.

Ms. Faith Behr on behalf of Mrs. Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications

- Introduction of Faith Behr who will be covering for Tarah while she is out on maternity leave. Faith's email is behr.f@nb27.org if you need to reach her.

Mr. Trevor Hope, Director of Technology

- Trevor is unable to attend this meeting but appreciates our patience as we implement the Duo verification step.

Dr. Panozzo, Shabonee Principal

- A bunch of thank yous - all 3 principals have said that the treats during parent teacher conferences were very appreciated and well received. Also a huge thank you to the room parents at Hickory Point and Shabonee for the Valentine's parties on Monday - Dr Panozzo saw lots of super fun and creative activities when he visited the Shabonee classrooms.
- There was a staff teacher appreciation event on Monday at Shabonee with pizza.
- The 5th graders and Wood Oaks students will have upcoming shows. The orchestra will perform on 2/28 at Wood Oaks, and the band will perform at GBN on 3/1.

Council Reports:

Emily Taylor, President

- We are currently moving on the slate for next year's PTA Council. At this time, we are waiting to hear back on 1 more position.
- They are getting close to finally clearing up the tax situation. There was a meeting at Wood Oaks about it last night and next week Emily will be calling a meeting with the presidents at all the schools.

Anna Harris, Vice President

- Kicking off work on the race - see the full update below.

Michelle Lebovitz, Treasurer

- No update at this time.

Lynn Howard, Secretary

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

PTA Council Committee Reports:

D27 5K Race -Anna Harris & Melina Waddle

- The first meeting will be next week on 2/22 in person and via zoom. The biggest priority is firming up a date as there are several Jewish holidays at the end of September 2022, so we may need to push the date to October. Then they will start the process with the permit application.
- They continue to look for race volunteers and got at least 5 new names after the recent request in the blogs.

Calendar - Lisa Buckley

- No update at this time.

Communications - Anna Harris

- We continue to look for a new Communications chair for the next school year and beyond.

Directory – Lynn Howard

- Continue to add new directory members on as needed basis. Starting to prepare for the new school year transition.

Hot Lunch – Emily Taylor

- No update at this time.

Environmental - Adrienne Felder-Mittelman

- The new Terracycle recycling bins have been dropped off at each school. Adrienne will provide content for the blogs this week and will drop off flyers at the schools.

Club 27 -

- No update at this time.

PTA School Reports:

Hickory Point – Samantha Diamond and Kate Riggs

- Kate cannot attend the meeting today - they needed adult supervisors at Hickory Point due to the number of absent staff and teachers.
- They have the slate prepared for the 22-23 school year.
- All of the committee chairs are filled for the 22-23 school year with the exception of 2 committees.
- The recent book fair had \$10,000 in sales (plus any online sales that came in). The coin collection resulted in \$1,600 in donations for Bernie's Book Bank - the books are being picked up today.
- The next Tasty Tuesday is 3/8 at Josh's.
- Fundraising this year has netted approximately \$4,400. All of this is being used for the staff and teachers at the Extravaganza on 3/18.
- Square1 art is going well.
- The PTA multi-year gift to Hickory Point is flexible seating. Mrs. Buchanan just put in the order which should result in 2-3 new items per classroom.

Shabonee – Shaka Martin and Lynn Howard

- Currently preparing for the 22-23 school year - they have received interest in all open positions. Currently completing the nominating committee.
- We have also reached out to the existing committee chairs with students at Shabonee next year to see if they would like to continue on or work on perhaps a different committee.
- Just held the Family Fun Disney trivia game and costume contest on Saturday.
- Confirmed that we will once again hold our flower gram event on 5/6 during teacher appreciation week.
- We had a Teacher and Staff Appreciation event on 2/14 with pizza.
- The Spiritwear committee is working on a new order and have been advised to work with the graduation party committees to get the best pricing possible.
- Square1Art is due on Friday, and all orders should be received by Mother's Day.

Wood Oaks – Debbie Salzer Rothschild and Rivka Daar

- They are doing their upcoming Book Fair with Anderson - this company was willing to do a virtual book fair this year which Scholastic was not. They will do a 2 week fair and can still do wish lists for teacher choices.

- They did a Tropical Smoothie fundraiser during parent teacher conferences and 10% of all sales between 1-3pm went to the Wood Oaks PTA which resulted in a check for \$72.00.
- They are currently planning a Wolves game event on 3/5 - ticket sales are going nicely through Cheddar Up.
- Erin Machat just put together a wonderful Teacher Appreciation event with heart shaped donuts and coffee.

New Business:

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am.

Attendees: Dr. Deiter, Dr. Fournier, Dr Rio, Dr. Olson, Dr. Panozzo, Emily Taylor, Anna Harris, Michelle Lebovitz, Adrienne Felder-Mittelman, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Rivka Daar, Sam Diamond, Lisa Buckley, and Lynn Howard