

September 19th 2022 / start time: 1 pm

Attendees: Principal Cari Beake, Vice Principal Paul Suminski, Rivka Daar, Sally Belofsky, Shawna Schwalb, Lisa Buckley, Adrienne Felder Mittelman, Samantha Diamond, Beth Sattler, Amy Oberholtzer, Stacy Mautner, Deborah Eddy, and Kim Zlatin

Welcome

Principal's Report (Cari Beake): Thank you for the PTA lunch. It was well received. The kids loved the back to school bash. Hot lunch is going well. We won the blue ribbon award. Volleyball, soccer and cross country are going well. Band had an in process concert. Band camp went well. Picture day is September 28. Order your yearbooks through Josten's only. Parent teacher conferences are the end of October. There will be email coming out soon to register with meet with teacher platform. Each parent will have their own login. The first person must invite the second person into the conferences. There is a safety drill, tornado drill and October 6 is the lockdown drill. Kids have been so good participating in these drills.

Vice Principal (Paul Suminski): Kids get to pick a 30 min activity of their choice for most ROARs. This helps build a relationship with their homerooms. It creates a fun group feeling. On Fridays kids wear green for school spirit. He runs the Wood Oaks Instagram and twitter.

President's Report (Rivka Daar): Sally Belofsky has been approved as Co-President for a 2-year term. Executive Board introduced. New bylaws presented, ILPTA signed off and approved. Bylaws adopted and will be posted.

Vice President's Report (Beth Sattler): 47 staff and 150 parents joined the PTA. 58% participation.

Committee Reports

Book Fair: Deborah Eddy chaired book fair at Shabonee. Wood Oaks' fair will be in February.

Spiritwear (Deborah Eddy): She is working with pricing and introducing new designs. Minimum is 12 of one design. Deb can store it at her house. There is a deal for 120 bags.

CATCH: Catch was founded by Amy Oberholtzer as her daughter struggled with anorexia and depression. Amy started it four years ago to prioritize mental health. Want to raise kids who are whole and healthy. It is a volunteer group. 7 on the board. They have education events, webinars, speakers, recordings and blogs, peer led groups, coffee talk, kits for every student at GBN and GBS. Can do more with you in partnership. Kim Zlatin will be CATCH contact for Wood Oaks. She will work with fundraising chair. CATCH will be at the district race on October 15.

Council: (Rivka Daar & Lisa Buckley) 144 people registered. This is the last week for sign up. We raised \$6500 for the scholarship. There is also the Dr. Deiter Halloween costume raffle. He will visit all schools in this costume. Will a Wood Oaks Wildcat be at the district race? Working on a mom's night out at Bad Moms of Comedy Venue for November 10. Club 27 will be a golf outing at Heritage Oaks.

Environmental (Adrienne Felder Mittleman): Terracycle has stationary, water color, glue sticks recycling. Possibly accrue points and get some money back for this. Ms. Hoffman gave three boxes of empty watercolor trays. America Recycles Day in November, encourage zero waste. On Tuesdays there is no hot lunch. Can we bring composting back in the spring? Summer reading books in November collection boxes at front of the school.

Fundraising: DwellSocial dineout from Big Star tacos is Thursday, September 22nd. Deadline to order is tomorrow, Tuesday, September 20th by 5pm. \$5 from every order goes back to Wood Oaks

Social Events:

-Social Dance is back for 6th graders! It meets on Thursday evenings for 4 weeks from 7-8:15pm. It is \$60.00. Register now to reserve your spot. Registration deadline is 10/7.

-Skate Day is Friday, November 11th. It is a day off of school. It will be held at Glenview Ice Rink. Time is TBD.

Welcome Wagon: The new families have been assigned a mentor. The mentors have reached out to the families and have made connections. The district is in the process of planning an event for new families; a possible idea is coffee and chat. TBA.

Teacher Appreciation: A coffee truck will be at Wood Oaks before school starts on 9/29 for staff to enjoy.

Hot Lunch: Please communicate to the volunteers to stay at the PTA table during the lunch periods. Please don't approach the lunch tables and chat with your children.

End time: 2:04 pm

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: October 10, 2022 at 1 p.m.