

Wood Oaks
October 2022 PTA Meeting Agenda

October 10th 2022 / start time: 1 pm

Attendees: Principal Cari Beake, Vice Principal Paul Suminski, Rivka Daar, Sally Belofsky, Shawna Schwalb, Lisa Buckley, and Beth Sattler

Welcome

Principal's Report (Cari Beake): Everyone did a wonderful job following directions with the lockdown drill. There is one more drill in the spring. Parent teacher conferences are after the end of the quarter which is coming up. Students will only have their unified arts class for a couple of days with the way this year conferences worked out. Next week is a band concert. Throughout the day different grades will attend by grade level during PE. This is the first all school assembly since COVID. There will be another all school assembly before winter break and it may be possible at that time to have the entire school together. Jim Jilenski will speak to the 6th graders about bullying. He is a former school social worker who has been doing this presentation, which he makes interesting and funny, for 25 years. LIRA for reading and math will occur before conferences. It is 20 questions and it is all online. On October 24 for reading there is no special schedule. On October 25, there will be a special schedule for the math portion.

Vice Principal (Paul Suminski): At the end of day for ROAR there will be friendly competition between homerooms. We are now getting the grade levels together. There is a coat drive until October 21. Also, please check the lost and found as it has many, many items.

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): Membership Update - 52 staff members, 64.20% staff participation, dues submitted to IL PTA. Will continue to update membership on a monthly basis

Treasurer's Report: The Wood Oaks PTA Treasurer position will be vacant at the end of the semester. This is an important role that we are required to fill to retain our PTA status. Training will be provided. This position can be a 1- or 2-year term. Please know, we will not be able to spend or raise money, or maintain our Hot Lunch program, unless we have a Treasurer, so it is critical that we fill this volunteer position. Please reach out with any leads, interest.

Committee Reports

Book Fair: not til February

CATCH: Neither Stacy nor I will be able to attend the meeting today, so just a couple quick updates from CATCH.

1. We do have a virtual Lunch and Learn tomorrow about Tech Transitions and screen time for our kids.

2. The big CATCH event is their first in-person event of the school year, taking place at GBN on October 20th.

It's Time for A Reset

Empowering Our Kids to Live a Meaningful Life

Thursday, October 20 @ 7pm

Glenbrook North H.S.

Center for the Performing Arts

From the pandemic to this summer's shooting in Highland Park, we have all experienced an enormous amount of trauma. All of that is in addition to the stress and pressure our kids already felt in relation to school, activities, social media... the list goes on. We believe it's time for a reset, and we are partnering with others in the community who agree.

Together, we are hosting William Stixrud, PhD and Ned Johnson, Founder, Prep Matters, to lead a Community Conversation for Parents.

3. Stacy and I would like to set up a meeting with the PTA's fundraising chair. Who is that? Just to get on the same page with planning. This is for the mental health kits for all students.

4. Please pass along anything that comes up as a concern/need that CATCH may be able to help provide resources for. I will touch base directly with Ms. Brown too.

Council: Race this weekend - update and still time to sign up or volunteer. 306 racers.

Raised over 9000 in fundraising. Thank you to coach Schneider for the hula hoops. Thank you to the Wildcat Mascot. All 3 schools mascots will be there. Thank you to Ms. Hoffman for the signs. There is a way to update your own directory information now.

Environmental: Ongoing: Terracycle Stationery Collection is now up and running throughout the school year, collection box is in library.

Collecting:

Pens and Mechanical Pencils

Highlighters

Markers, including coloring, Sharpies, and dry erase

Glue Stick Containers

Water Color Paint Dispensers

Just sent in a box of empty paint dispensers that Ms. Hoffman collected - we appreciate the teacher support!

America Recycles Day - Tuesday, November 15th - 2 collections:

Zero Waste Lunch

Question: Do we want to hold this just on Tues. Nov 15th. Yes.

Summer Reading Book Collection

Box will be in the library throughout the week of November 14th. Collecting 6th, 7th, & 8th grade summer books (in good condition), to reuse with students when books are handed out at the end of the school year. This is starting now and will be collected in the library, but parents can drop off books in front office for them to put in the library. They will collect Shabonee books too if needed.

Fundraising: Affy Tapples: October 22 is distribution drive. Marissa's dine out occurs before the race. Grill House will be the next fundraiser after the skate.

Social Events: Social Dance - 41 students are signed up for the 4 week program. Sign-up genius for parent volunteers (2 per evening) will go out soon.

Preparing for Fall Skate in November: It will start at 1 pm. Skating is 1:15-2:45 pm. They are talking about opening their restaurant.

Spiritwear: LAUNCHED! Thanks to Deborah Eddy for all of the hard work. Permission to sell at a couple events such as basketball game where Spirit Squad performs.

Teacher Appreciation: Coffee truck with coffee and pastries, pretzel rods, custodian appreciation this month. Teacher appreciation sign up going well - a few spots remain.

NEW BUSINESS: Kristi Metallo won the Starbucks card for volunteers.

End time: 1:39 pm

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: November 14, 2022 at 1 p.m.