

Wood Oaks
November 2022 PTA Meeting Agenda

November 14th 2022 /Start time 1 pm

Attendees: Principal Cari Beake, Vice Principal Paul Suminski, Rivka Daar, Sally Belofsky, Shawna Schwalb, Kim Zlatin and Samantha Diamond

Welcome

Principal's Report (Paul Suminski): Terra Nova Testing will be Dec. 1-2, 2022. December 6 is the first event for transition to GBN for the 8th grade families. Curriculum night will be in Jan. for GBN and Jan. 13, 2023, placement letters will be sent to parents. Parent meeting for 5th graders beginning of April on entering Wood Oaks.

President's Report
Vice President's Report
Treasurer's Report

New Treasurer - Alisa Vass. Met with Council Treasurer and is getting up to speed on PTA functions. Michelle Leibowitz helped Alissa transition to this new role.

Secretary's Report

Committee Reports

Book Fair - not til February. Looking for additional team members.

CATCH - Featured Events: Coffee Talk - November 14 @ 7pm. How to Find Joy with Your Kids When They Aren't So Enjoyable - Tuesday, November 15, 12-1pm via Zoom.

Coping kits will be given to different grades

Council - None

Environmental - Summer Book Collection. Tomorrow is America Recycles Day - Zero Waste

Ongoing: Terracycle Stationery Collection collection box is in the library.

Fundraising - Nothing Bundt Cakes - Bundtlet cakes. Selling for \$6, buying at \$4.50. Proceeds to grad party. Need to promote more. May send a blast tomorrow as no sales yet. Deadline Nov 23. One hour pickup on Saturday morning Dec. 3. It is an open building day. Lou Malnatis Fundraiser in December. Mabel's for holidays, Birthday Signs, Planning a Lou Malnati's dineout in December

Social Events - Social Dance: Everyone is having a wonderful time and the volunteers have been great. Parent Watch Day on Dec 1.

Fall Skate - Skating event brought 160 kids, all grades. Instead of paying per skater, we paid \$200 for the ice rental & \$4 per skates who needed. \$500 total. Cafe was open too. 10 parent volunteers were great.

Spiritwear - Going out this week. Permission to sell at a couple events - please let us know best dates.

Teacher Appreciation – The events have been unexpected and wonderful. The Holiday lunch is Dec. 14.

Welcome Wagon - None

8th Grade party - Overall Celebration Activities are on track!!!!

- We have executed the Whirly Ball Contract (Thank you Rivka) and are in process of getting contracts for the DJ and Photo booth.
- Given feedback from Ms. Beake, this year we are going to pass on doing a class montage and will replace with a photo booth.
- We are working with Committee members to understand where they are interested in being involved to spread out the workload and time commitments.
- We will be reaching out to Mr. Suminski this week to solicit the 8th Grade Class Roster, Get Permission for Additional Hot Lunches as well as discuss plans for the Grad Rehearsal (School buys lunch, PTA brings a cake and can help serve) and Grad Ceremony
- In addition, wanted to share we have put together a draft budget focusing on the Whirlyball Party & Student Gift and will be working with Anna to identify some additional fundraising opportunities as we are a little short. We have 158 kids in the class, which is more than last year (145 total, 142 attended party). This higher number when you run in through all the cost drivers (Whirly Ball cost per kid & Party extras, Class Gift, etc.) is costing us an additional ~\$500 plus last year Deb Salzar had the committee members pay out of pocket for the desserts which Debbie and I don't want to require the volunteers to do.

NEW BUSINESS

Open gym dates will be sent out.

Need parent volunteers to help sort/move Lost & Found. Move upstairs to look through after Thanksgiving. All unclaimed items by winter break will be donated or tossed

Volunteer Raffle Winner: Lucy Podbielski

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: December 12, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.