

The meeting commenced at 9:15 am

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Dr. Deiter**, Superintendent

- Enrollment projections are stable but we are keeping an eye on Hickory Point, the first grade class has 8 sections, while every other year has had 7 sections. We anticipate there to be 8 sections going forward.
- There has been a shift in demographics. Before it was 83% White, 11% Asian. Now it is 65% White, 25% Asian, 5% Hispanic.
- 37% of students have English as a second language. Looking at additional support at Shabonee. With the rising diversity in the district we are being proactive - have brought in an equity consultant and formed a subcommittee who received special training.
  - Want an inclusive environment, including students with disabilities. Preparing students for the real world, laying the foundation.
- Planning to form a parent committee
- Nov. 10 presentation to the community

#### **Dr. McElligott**, Director of Human Resources and Student Services

- Have added 8 new teachers to the district
- All buildings are running smoothly

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

- Teachers did curriculum work and new reading resources over the summer.
- DEI work
- Where in the grade level do we need more work
- Sending IAR and Star Assessments - results are similar to last year.
- According to research released nationally, the pandemic did have an impact on learning.
  - Multivariant - students' ability to focus has declined. We have a lot of things in place, including social/personal level

#### **Dr. Rio**, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

- Did not attend

#### **Mrs. Tarah O'Connell**, Director of Communications

- Working on getting pdf and website in compliance with ADA, making sure our newsletters are easy to be read by parents, happy to help and partner
- Instagram accounts have been launched

#### **Mr. Trevor Hope**, Director of Technology

- We have a new copying and printer system. Guests should use "guest cards."

#### **Mrs. Cari Beake**, Wood Oaks Principal

- Thank you to the PTA for welcome meals, balloons. We had a great time at the Back to School Bash
- Kids are adjusting well to lunch rooms and commons.
- Theme for the year: Be an Upstander.

- Conferences are coming up - Wood Oaks all online, Hickory Points and Shabonee are in person.

**Mr. Paul Suminski, Wood Oaks Assistant Principal**

- This past Friday we set aside 30 minutes for teachers to do an activity with their students. An example was "Name That Tune." Planning to have another one at the end of the quarter.
- Smooth start to the year

**Council Reports:**

**Lisa Buckley, President**

- Congratulations to Wood Oaks on the Blue Ribbon Award
- Planning an event "New Family Coffee" - geared towards new families to the district to get to know each other better
- Planning an event "Moms Night Out" - possibly in January
- Starting to plan Club 27, possibly a golf outing, looking for a co-chair to help
- Goals for the year: keeping good communications, bringing new members into leadership roles, bringing Club 27 back

**Michelle Lebovitz, Treasurer**

- Healthy financially, completed audit
- Tax reports from last year have been submitted

**Irina Colon, Secretary**

- No update

**PTA Council Committee Reports:**

**D27 5K Race -Anna Harris & Melina Waddle**

- Race update: 170 people have signed up, raised \$7,300, 30 sponsors.
  - Shirt theme - inspired by the Chicago flag
  - Deadline to register to get the shirt is Fri 9/23
  - Will have Studio Spin (for warm up), Ultimate Ninja, High Five (obstacle course for kids doing the 1 mile dash), music, DJ, hula hoop; art teachers are creating posters; Dieter will wear Halloween costume; wild cat will be at the race
  - Race packet pick up: Oct 13 & 14; Race: Oct 15

**Calendar - Marie Samson**

**Communications - Stefanie Bregman**

- Give her e-blasts as early as possible, send updates by Wed night

**Directory – Lynn Howard**

- Successfully migrated to Directory Spot.
- Next time - do transition at the beginning of the week instead of the end so help is available.
- Membership total: 536 PTA members (Hickory Point: 182; Shabonee: 151; Wood Oaks: 203)

**Hot Lunch – Kate Riggs**

- Hot lunch is going really well at Shabonee and Hickory Point, couple of stumbles at Wood Oaks, but figuring out plan for future shortages

**Environmental - Adrienne Felder-Mittelman**

- Sent an email to all co-presidents at all schools in order to re-start programs
  - Summer book reading recycle
  - Terra-cycle continuing
  - Schoolastic book swap continuing in Spring
  - Zero waste day at Hickory Point
  - Nov 15 - America Recycles Day

### **PTA School Reports:**

#### **Hickory Point** – Melanie Alexander and Kate Riggs

- Had a Back to School lunch for staff and popsicles to meet the teachers
- Family night was a great success 600-700 attendees
- Spirit wear - everything is selling out
- Teacher appreciation committee is doing “mailbox surprises”
- Event volunteer committee going well, all volunteer sign ups are full
- Planning next events: warm coat drive, Halloween candy drive, zero waste day, Book Fair

#### **Shabonee** – Samantha Diamond and Lynn Howard

- Welcome back lunch for staff and teachers went well
- Room parents for every class have been assigned
- Started spirit week store, online link open through Oct 25
- Planning Book fair in October; kids will get to write reports and winners will be picked
- Tasty Tuesdays coming up at Josh’s

#### **Wood Oaks** – Sally Belofsky and Rivka Daar

- Executed new by-laws
- Working on re-introducing social events, including social dance class, teaching basic ballroom etiquette, skate day being planned for Nov 11 in Glenview
- Oct 31 - Dine out at Grill House
- Parent volunteer rotation for hot lunch going well
- Working on new spirit wear items for sporting events, ex: bells, pom moms
- Teacher appreciation committee is getting a coffee truck and preparing for conferences
- Recognizing mental health awareness - CATCH - create coping bags