

The meeting commenced at 9:15 am.

### **Administrative Reports**

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

- Continuing to do diversity work - Dr. Marks did a presentation to the teachers on Friday. Thursday night had a parent session but it was not very well attended. He will be back in January and March and we will try to leverage his expertise in the future
- On the board agenda to get the calendar out for next year. Will keep the parent teacher model same as last year. But will move the window up 2 weeks, which will allow teachers more time between marking period and conferences.
  - Conferences will remain in February. Will continue to keep all online for Wood Oaks, but may try to do hybrid option for elementary
- 2024 will move in service day from monday to friday, bc state mandated election day off

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

- Went to DC with John to accept the blue ribbon award, had the opportunity to do professional development.

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

- Following up with what John shared about PBIS - content specific sessions; several new things we are working on including reading for grades 2-5. Communication and navigating challenges session and instructional assistants session

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

- No report

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

- Readership in the newsletter is up a lot, high 80s. Fall mailer going out this or next week

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

- Nothing to report

#### **Dr. Mauree Deely**, Hickory Point Principal

- Started the year with 412 students
  - 7 sections in kindergarten, 8 in 1st grade, 7 in 2nd grade. We are growing.
- Champ is now writing to students - helping support kids and teachers in different ways. Champs birthday is April 21 - which is national bulldog day
- Recognize and thank the book fair community; it was a huge success - parents were invited to show w their kids.
- Terra Nova testing right after Thanksgiving

#### **Mrs. Lauren Weingarten**, Hickory Point Assistant Principal

- Not present

### **Council Reports:**

**Lisa Buckley**, President

- Moms' Night Out Comedy Night - Jan 26 at Hackney at Lake
  - Tickets available for sale before winter break
- Beth Lau looking into venues for Club 27
- Budget meeting for council - approved in meeting

**Anna Harris**, Vice President

- no report

**Michelle Lebovitz**, Treasurer

- Please submit race expenses

**Irina Colon**, Secretary

- Meeting minutes approved

### **PTA Council Committee Reports:**

**Calendar** - Marie Samson

- No report

**Communications** - Stefanie Bregman

- Still looking for communications co-chair

**Directory** – Lynn Howard

- Nothing to report

**Hot Lunch** – Kate Riggs

- Ordering for Dec 3 - 5 is open. It's running well

**Environmental** - Adrienne Felder-Mittelman

- Zero waste went well - reduced from 4-5 to 2-3 bags. We are encouraging students and families to continue.
- Summer book collection continues through this week at Shabonee and Wood Oaks

**Club 27**

- Reported above

### **PTA School Reports:**

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

- Book fair was very successful - 14k in sales.
- Zero waste lunch day was also a success - kids who participated earned a bookmark. Collectively all schools sent out an email that spots will be open at 8pm on Nov 1. Hickory Point filled up in 2.5 minutes.
- Noggin Builders is selling stem kits, automatically one kit donated to charity
- Room parents getting ready for holiday parties

**Shabonee** – Samantha Diamond and Lynn Howard

- Already working on winter parties. Candy collection went very well. Successful Book Fair - sold \$10k
- Few fundraiser updates:
  - -Sneaker collection (donated and we also earn money), winter coats, Funtopia fundraiser for day off school - \$600 raised
- Hot lunch also filled up very fast - 7 minutes
- Working on PBIS and getting to know bus drivers. Possibly do a bus driver appreciation
- We won a \$2500 PTA Grant for Healthy Minds, will use funds for: coping kits for kids going into next school

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

- New Treasurer - Lisa Voss
- 2021 taxes have been submitted.
- Launched 2 events last month - social dance - kids learning party etiquette, Dec1 - parent watch.
- Ice skate day: 160 students came.
- 1st spirit wear drive, still getting numbers
- Two upcoming fundraising items: Nothing Bundt Cakes for 8th grade party & Lou Malnatis dine out.
- 8th grade party planning committee kicking off. Last year 100% participation