

The meeting commenced at 9:15 am.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Deiter, Superintendent

- The school year is continuing to go very well. Elementary school teachers have commented that they are back to normal seating arrangements, positive year;
- Kimberly updates (providing kimberly updates as she is not able to attend): last several years we did construction in the summer, next will be Hickory Point and Shabonee but will take this summer off. Planning to bid on materials for roofing at HP, also want to make Wood Oaks parking lot bigger. Construction lead time is 1 year so we are hoping to start the construction in 2024.

Dr. McElligott, Director of Human Resources and Student Services

- Gearing up for hiring season, eyes on next school year. Meeting with principals to see the needs of each building.
 - Posting jobs soon
 - Brought on a few new subs but still in need of more - applications are on the website.
- Upcoming retirements - district nurse, Tech support Mrs. Wegley, Mrs. Camp (second grade teacher)

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

- Professional Development days: all staff are continuing a study group on diversity and inclusion with Dr. J. Marks
 - Focusing on micro aggression - developing strategies for addressing them, several curriculum sessions
- K-8 curriculum revision in social studies
- Special Ed dept all came together to work on critical things
- Professional development for office staff
- Instructional assistants had a data and documenting session - ways to help w data collection (of students who may need to be queued)
- Communications session - navigating challenging conversations with parents, staff, students. Taking what they learned and practicing in scenarios
- Had our third parent DEI committee meeting - making progress. Working towards having a DEI plan by the end of the school year.

Dr. Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

- Not present

Mrs. Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications

- No updates

Mr. Trevor Hope, Director of Technology

- No report

Mrs. Cari Beake, Wood Oaks Principal -

- Last Thursday, we had the first all school assembly - chorus. Excited to keep moving in that direction. Next assembly is planned for right before spring break.
- Science fair students ended their formal class and had the science fair last week. Next is regional comp, then state.
- This Saturday we are hosting a robotics competition (organized by Dr. Olson)

- Elective sign up will come before spring break (for 6th and 7th graders)
- 8th graders will go to GBN next Monday to sign up for classes
- Conferences open tomorrow at 9am which will take place Feb 8 and 9
- Partnering w PTA for book fair (which we haven't had since Covid).
- LRIA testing coming up

Mr. Paul Suminski, Wood Oaks Assistant Principal

- PBIS days continued - last thirty minutes of the day - last few sessions students got to select what they want to do with that time. Seeing students interacting and connecting with similar interests; teachers working with students; building relationships and community. Have been very well received because of the element of choice.

Council Reports:

Lisa Buckley, President

- Moms (Comedy) night out is planned for Thursday Jan 26. The event is sold out (125 tickets sold)
- Still working on venue for club 27

Anna Harris, Vice President

- Not present

Michelle Lebovitz, Treasurer

- Sales tax reporting - state of illinois notified us we need to move from annual to monthly reporting
 - Working to determine how time consuming this will be

Irina Colon, Secretary -

- Meetings minutes approved

PTA Council Committee Reports:

D27 5K Race -Anna Harris & Melina Waddle

- No updates

Calendar - Marie Samson

- Please send any calendar updates to marie and tara: oconnell.t@nb27.org

Communications - Stefanie Bregman

- Not present and no report

Directory – Lynn Howard

- Current membership numbers by PTA (640 total):
 - Hickory Point 228
 - Shabonee 176
 - Wood Oaks 236

Hot Lunch – Kate Riggs

- Conversation about 8th grade grad lunch
- Michelle researched how it was done in the past, this year will “patch”, plan to be back on track next year
 - \$13,500 goal

Environmental - Adrienne Felder-Mittelman

Club 27 -

PTA School Reports:

Hickory Point – Kate Riggs and Caroline Kang

- Introduction of new co-President Caroline Kang.
- Currently running Coin Drive, which raises money to be spent at the book fair to buy books for Bernie's Book Bank.
- Book Fair and Book Drive are up next.

- Canned food drive, Souper Bowl, is starting on 1/30. Will run for two weeks benefitting the Northfield Food Pantry
- Family Night at TPAC tomorrow night, 5-7pm
- Teacher Appreciation is organizing appreciation posters to be made for each staff member and is planning a hot chocolate bar, along with the typical snack donation requests, for conferences.
- Room parents are gearing up for Valentine's Day parties

Shabonee – Samantha Diamond and Lynn Howard

- Teacher appreciation committee was busy helping to coordinate with all 3 schools for the breakfast provided on January 13th! Was a big success!
- In December TA committee made an amazing lunch spread with gifts for all support staff
- Family fun night movie night is on Jan 27th
- All 3 schools are in the process of moving to a new spirit wear company Humankind
- We've done a few great fundraisers since last month:
 - Funtopia day off school event
 - Ninja day off school event
 - Tasty Tuesday at Grill House
 - And currently Lou Malnati's fundraiser = All bringing in well over \$1200

Wood Oaks – Sally Belofsky and Rivka Daar

- Upcoming Pizza Lunches for grad party fundraising - Jan 31 and Feb 2
- Claim Company Dine Out tomorrow - all day for 20% back to Wood Oaks
- Book Fair returns - Feb 7 preview through Feb 8. Virtual book fair will continue through Feb 20th
- Family Day @ Wolves Game - March 12th
- Preparing for our Spring Social - trampoline park event

Attendees: Dr. Deiter, Dr Rio, Dr. Olson, Dr. McElligott, Mrs. Beake, Mr. Suminski, Mrs. O'Connell, Mrs. Hope, Lisa Buckley, Anna Harris, Michelle Lebovitz, Rivka Daar, Sam Diamond, Kate Riggs, Caroline Kang, Lynn Howard, Stefanie Bregman, Marie Samson, and Irina Colon