

Wood Oaks February 2023 PTA Meeting Agenda

February 13th 2023 /Start time 1:02 pm

Attendees: Principal Cari Beake, Rivka Daar, Sally Belofsky, Samantha Diamond, Shawna Schwalb, Lisa Buckley, and Deborah Eddy

Welcome

Principal's Report (Cari Beake)

Thank you to PTA for staff appreciations pizzas tomorrow. March 8,9,10 ISA test for 8th graders. IAR reading is April 4 and 5. Math is April 11, 12, 13. Band Festival is March 1 and Orchestra performs with the 4-8th graders on March 15. 7th and 8th graders will see the Wood Oaks Into the Woods Play a week after spring break. Ms. Beake and Mr. Suminski will go over to Shabonee to present to current 5th graders. April 24 for parent night introduction to Wood Oaks. Possibly spiritwear for sale at that event. May 26 the 5th graders will come to Wood Oaks for their tour. Emails with the Terra Nova scores went out. The 5 Essentials Survey is added into the state report card. Satisfaction guides strategic planning. Plans are out for 5 years. The students take 5 Essentials all next week. 7th graders took universal screeners for mental health, executive functioning and academics in the fall. They are piloting this for our district for grades 2, 4, and 7. 8th grades will have an in-house field trip with last American in Rwanda. Catigny Park for 7th graders in May. 6th grade March 7 Houses of Worship field trip.

President's Report

Hot lunch dates open through remainder of the year. Includes Tuesday pizza lunches for grad party. There are 3 more Tuesday pizza lunches added. One desert day a month for the rest of the year was added. Options from Dairy Queen in Highland Park (they clean out their machines between orders to prevent allergenic reactions). There will be cookie dough, oreo, strawberry mini blizzards are gluten free and slushies are dairy free and gluten free. Keep it simple 3 choices total. They will not have it on testing dates. Week of Passover requested a Passover safe option each day.

Committee Reports

Book Fair - Congrats on return of book fair! Thank you to Deborah Eddy and the other PTA volunteers, and to Mrs. Cronin for all of her assistance and support. For next year – consider posters with end of the day pickup, foreign language (Spanish and French) books, adding tables for more books. Ideally have teacher wishlists sooner to request additional books. Pens were fun and something cheap for kids to buy who did not bring much money. More low cost and sports options next year. \$2500 sold not including sales tax. \$1000 Wood Oaks made.

CATCH - Developing flyer for CATCH art contest. Upcoming events. The date has been extended.

Council - BAD MOMZ OF COMEDY - successful! Lots of positive feedback. \$125 tickets sold. 115 people came and made \$2000.

Environmental – Committee inquired if Wood Oaks is open to having compost for a period of time in April, using collective resources. Details - the charges per bin are \$24-\$26 each. If all three schools

participate, we get a bulk price so would be a bit cheaper. Assessing what kind of volunteer situation they would want or ask for this. This is not possible for Wood Oaks.

Fundraising - Culver's - Feb 9-10, 25%, waiting for results. Next up - Do-Rite donuts on Feb 18 pick-up. Link went live but had technical issues. Will blast and post on FB. Normally we get the donut link on Monday, so I think we'll be fine on time. Asked about delivering for teachers/staff on Friday but they said it's a challenging week with Valentine's day and Paczki day, so limited in what they can do. After donuts, Feb 23 is Lou Malnati's.

March will be a fun restaurant with Dwell.

Wolves game - 21 tickets sold so far, about half of what we did last year, but we still have 3 weeks until deadline/to promote it. The event is on March 12th. Shabonee performing at events.

Social Events - Working on detail for spring event

Spiritwear – Using a new vendor. All 3 schools will be using same vendor. April 24 for 5th grade presentation.

Teacher Appreciation - Tomorrow is Valentine's lunch for staff - heart shaped pizza and goodies donated by families. Participated in a joint professional development day breakfast with the other schools.

8th Grade party - Hot Lunch Pizza Lunches scheduled (Specialty thanks to Kim for this)

March 14th--Piero's, April 11th--Viccino's , May 2nd--Piero's

- Class T-Shirt information out for Parents to Purchase - Last Day to order, Friday Feb 24th. As of today, we have 75 orders for grad shirts and 65 for PJs for a total of \$3355. Last year, it was only the shirt for \$1785 (115 orders). Last day to order is Feb. 24. There will be a final blast about that.

- Donut Fundraiser (Special thanks to Anna for this)

After Spring Break we will begin communicating to families how to sign up for the party, get information out on ordering yard signs, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Parent reminders: Please sign up for Hot Lunch. There will be a post this week calling for volunteers.

Elisa Morgan won our volunteer raffle!

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: MARCH 13, 2023 at 1 p.m.

Meeting ended at 2:02 pm.