

Wood Oaks September PTA Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023 /Start time 1:05 pm

Attendees: Principal Cari Beake, Vice Principal Paul Suminski, Rivka Daar, Sally Belofsky, Lynn Howard, Beth Sattler, and Jen Diehl

Call to Order – Start time 1:05pm

Principal's/Assistant Principal's Report - Smooth start of the school year, smooth transition for 6th graders. Less congestion and better traffic flow with new backpack policy, worked with students to manage. Thank you for Back 2 School Bash. Thank you PTA for the bike racks. Traffic flow is better this year since bus ridership is higher and smaller 6th grade class than outgoing 8th. DEI work continues. Looking at ROAR matrix and integrating inclusive language. Red Said starts today, hearts are populating 2nd floor. Sports in full swing. Clubs are starting this week, on a rolling basis. Emergency drills have started, will revisit as necessary. Bus, fire, severe weather drill, lock down/intruder (Oct 4th – will notify parents). Next week is mid-quarter. Curriculum nights went well, thank you for PTA representation. 8th Grade Graduation date will be Thursday, May 30th GBN @ 5pm.

Committee Updates –

- *Hot Lunch* – Good number of volunteers, loaded October dates in SignUp. Let Lynn Howard know of issues.
- *Social Dance* – Lynn Howard and Leslie Lee organizing. Thursdays 7:15 – 9pm. Change to Fridays? Will work to get volunteers.
- *Student Ice Skating* – Nov 10. Lisa Buckley will oversee. Possible Jan date as well?
- *CATCH* - Wood Oaks is a role model for CATCH involvement. Looking for topics. School refusal is a high focus. Coping kits rolled out early October, with advisory lessons. Will include parent notifications. Council is looking to have a committee to partner with CATCH.
- *Council* – 5k Race – borrow Wildcat costume. Looking for more volunteers. Pre-race prep meal at Grill House. Three days – 19th, 20th, 21st – 21st Wood Oaks night.
- *Fundraising and 8th Grade party* - will reach out to committee.

Event Reviews: Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Back to School

- Back to School Bash (*Social Committee*) successful event. More sports options for next year?
- August *Teacher Appreciation* Lunch went smoothly. Planning more events.

Treasurer's Report – New Treasurer (Lauren Fleming) getting more comfortable in role, updating from summer activity.

Call Meeting to Close: 1:36pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 16, 1pm