

The meeting commenced at 9:17 am.

### **Administrative Reports**

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

- Thanks to the PTA for their continued support. They have received 40 to 50 applicants for the Rohrabough scholarship already.
- The district is heading into a hiring season. They are going to be looking to fill Dr. Fournier's position (which will be made a Director position) and to fill the Director of Special Education position (which will be a full time position). They will also be looking for a replacement for Meggan Buchanan who will be accepting a job as a principal in District 300.
- As far as covid restrictions, the district has been mask optional for 2 weeks, and it seems to be going well. Dr. Deiter estimates that 30 to 50% or more of students are wearing masks in the classes. They are still waiting on guidance from the state on physical spacing and any other updates. The goal would be for a more normal end of school year environment and to hopefully start the next year without too many covid measures in place.

#### **Dr. Fournier**, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services

- The update about Mrs. Buchanan's position will be in the board news on Friday. Mrs. Buchanan's role will continue to be split between Hickory Point (40%) and Shabonee (60%).
- The district has already hired one new hire for next year - the Orchestra Director replacement. They are hiring Nathan Rhodes, who has experience at a charter school as well as Highland Park District 112.

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

- Dr. Olson is in a training class and therefore, is unable to be present.

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

- Dr. Rio is meeting about a bid proposal and therefore, is unable to be present.

#### **Faith Behr** (for Mrs. Tarah O'Connell), Director of Communications

- Jesse Compher will be coming to Hickory Point, and there are many other fun upcoming events. Keep your eyes on social media; please look, like, and share.

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

- Mr. Hope is meeting about a bid proposal and therefore, is unable to be present.

#### **Mrs. Deely**, Hickory Point Principal

- Mrs. Deely attended a training yesterday at Shabonee and got to see lots of old friendly faces. She would like to give a thank you to the PTA, especially Samantha Diamond, Kate Riggs, and all the other parents that have been incredibly supportive with substituting and lunch supervision this year.

- They are focusing on social emotional learning and emotional regulation at Hickory Point. There is a school-wide PBIS initiative called Champs Class of the Week. It started with recess and made sure that children were making good choices at recess, and have now moved on to kindness and respect for other's choices. Every Monday, the Bulldog travels from class to class with a crown and ribbons.
- They are having a surprise assembly today for the first time in two years. It will be outside. Olympic Silver medalist Jesse Compher who is a former Hickory Point student will come to the school today to sing songs and talk to the children.
- Academically, full intervention and supports are in place at Hickory Point. There are also more opportunities to do small group instruction.
- And finally, thanks to the PTA for the hot lunch program, everyone looks forward to it each week.

### **Council Reports:**

#### **Emily Taylor, President**

- Emily will be scheduling a meeting after spring break with the PTA Presidents and Treasurers regarding taxes for hot lunch. They are testing out a potential solution at Wood Oaks with the Illinois Department of Revenue. Update from Debbie, Karen received a letter that the forms they submit are missing a social security number. Karen has been calling the Illinois Department of Revenue to talk to them about it.
- Has anyone had a chance to talk to Robin Bear about having vendors pay sales tax instead of us? Emily responded that Robin said that the vendors do not want to do that.
- We may need to look at a new hot lunch vendor for next year if we cannot resolve the social security number issue.
- The next reporting is due April 20th. We should be bringing the new people on the slates at each PTA in on these meetings so they are aware of what has transpired. At the same meeting we should also have the Treasurer's talk about how to streamline their process across all of the PTAs.
- The council slate is done. Emily will be giving it to Anna so that it can be posted on the website and then voted on at our meeting in April.

#### **Anna Harris, Vice President**

#### **Michelle Lebovitz, Treasurer**

- No update at this time.

#### **Lynn Howard, Secretary**

- Approve February Meeting Minutes - The February Meeting Minutes were approved.

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

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

- There was a race meeting in February and the next meeting will be in April.

**Calendar** - Lisa Buckley

- Lisa has never held the May calendar meeting since she has held the role. In the past, the calendar meeting was attended by the Principals, the music department and the PTAs. They would go into a room to map out the next year as musical performances, school events and PTA events including Tasty Tuesdays at a one hour meeting. There would be 12 to 15 people at the meeting - if we did them in person this year perhaps it could be held at Shabonee in the conference room. This meeting was also used as a PBIS meeting with families so it is a dual-purpose meeting. Lisa will put out three days and determine what's best.

**Communications** - Anna Harris

- No update at this time as Anna was unable to attend the meeting.

**Directory** – Lynn Howard

- As of 3/11/22, there are 522 PTA members: 190 at Wood Oaks, 160 at Shabonee, and 172 at Hickory Point.

**Hot Lunch** – Emily Taylor

- Anna will be sending a blast announcing that Hot Lunch has opened for the rest of the year.

**Environmental** - Adrienne Felder-Mittelman

- The book swap is coming back to Shabonee this year.
- There are also recycling bins in place at all three schools and they've already shipped back one box of recycled school supplies to Terracycle. Special thanks to the Art Club and Broadcast Team at Wood Oaks for doing a great job on promoting this.

**Club 27** - No update at this time.**PTA School Reports:****Hickory Point** – Samantha Diamond and Kate Riggs

- After Spring Break, they will be adding chicken fingers to Hickory Point's hot lunch menu which will be a nice addition to the pizza.
- Square 1 Art orders have been coming in.
- On Friday they will be having a big teacher luncheon with surprises - all of this is going to be funded by the large doughnut fundraiser sale held in December.
- They are currently working on the second grade graduation party.
- They are also filling co-chair positions, planning for a family night, and working on Teacher Appreciation Week plan.

**Shabonee** – Lynn Howard

- We have been busy preparing for next year. We elected our Nomination Committee, who in turn chose the slate. The slate was posted 30 days prior to our April 13th election per the bylaws.
- We've also been reaching out to committee chairs and members who will still be at Shabonee next year to see what committees they'd like to be on. The Committee Sign Up will be sent out via newsletter after Spring Break.
- The Family Fun Committee has been planning the last event of the year - the April 22 event where we invite the 2nd graders to Shabonee. We are currently planning building tours, spirit wear sales and lots of fun for the event.

- The 5th Grade Spring Party Committee has also been working on coordinating details for their lunchtime event on 5/27.
- The Yearbook committee has been taking lots of last minute pictures for the yearbook. Our deadline has been extended to allow families more time to upload any Spring Break pictures to their yearbooks.
- Kate Riggs and Samantha Diamond have stepped into the Fundraising role and we have a Tasty Tuesday planned for Culvers on 4/12, and they are currently working on details for the Flower Gram event which will be held on the Friday of Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Square 1 Art also just handed out the proofs in the classroom.

**Wood Oaks** – Debbie Salzer Rothschild and Rivka Daar

- Wood Oaks has an upcoming Dine Out at the Claim Company after spring break on 3/30 and 3/31 and will be receiving 20% back.
- The AmazonSmile issues have been remedied thanks to past PTA Presidents for helping resolve that - now everything at Wood Oaks goes through the Chase account.
- On St Patrick's Day, Erin Machat and Debbie Salzer Rothschild have planned goodies for the staff.
- They are asking students to bring back summer reading books that are laying around the house, with hopes to reuse and hand out to students. The PTA will base their order on the number of returned books. Wood Oaks has agreed to let the PTA collect books for the book swap so that supplies can be refreshed.
- The 3 PTAs have coordinated with the district for a teacher appreciation gift in May.
- And they will be having a graduation party for the 8th graders. The first meeting happens today. Traditionally this is held at WhirlyBall and it is normally the Monday after graduation but this year that will be Memorial Day, so it may be on a Tuesday.
- Question about summer reading books: Can Shabonee do the same and request old summer reading books back and reuse them? Last year the school purchased the books instead of the PTA, but we can certainly collect them. There are numbers of those books returned each year at the book swap. Perhaps we can ask to collect them as part of the upcoming book swap. Just note in the past some of those books that have been returned were likely donated to Bernie's and will not be found at the school.

**New Business:**

- At the holidays, there is a staff appreciation collection that has typically been done outside the PTA; however this year, Hickory Point and Shabonee both used the PTA Zelle account to receive electronic payments. Should this be a PTA function or not? Would this money collection count as a fundraiser? We need to look into this further. Per Emily, in the past this was never a PTA collection - it comes from the parents. Even though we now can receive electronic payments at the PTA, we may need to put restrictions around when we do.
- Debbie is aware of a collection for Ukraine, it has been posted on Facebook. There are three ladies in the district who are collecting items. Would the district allow us to put donation boxes in the schools after Spring Break? Dr. Deiter thinks we could add a donation box, but he will just

defer to the principals about where. We can add to the PTA blogs in the newsletters and do any blast as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.

**Attendees:** Dr. Deiter, Dr. Fournier, Faith Behr, Mrs. Deely, Emily Taylor, Michelle Lebovitz, Adrienne Felder-Mittelman, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Rivka Daar, Sam Diamond, Kate Riggs, Lisa Buckley, and Lynn Howard