Meeting Minutes
District 27 PTA Council Meeting
April 20, 2022
APPROVED

The meeting commenced at 9:17 am.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Deiter, Superintendent

- Thank you to Emily Taylor and Michelle Lebovitz who spent time on the scholarship committee. Just under 60 applications from GBN students who had graduated 8th grade from Wood Oaks were considered. The committee chose 13 scholarship winners. These are all great students academically and as far as citizenship. Thank you so much to the PTA for fundraising so that we could afford to give the scholarships. Normally there are 12 scholarships given. However there were a solid 11 candidates and we could not decide between the last two so we decided to give 13. The students will find out at an awards banquet at the end of May.
- This year two major studies were accomplished: the 10-year Health Life Safety study which was last done in 2012. Kudos to Doug Heurich and his team who's efforts meant that we walked away with no urgent issues. The known issues were the roof and the HVAC replacement which are currently planned efforts. They will be finishing the roof at Wood Oaks this summer and then we'll be moving on to Hickory Point and Shabonee. They also completed the Space Utilization study and the results will be discussed with the Board of Education. We are currently monitoring enrollment projections, and anticipate there will be 125 in this kindergarten class and our numbers will hold at 1350. We are monitoring property development at Our Lady of the Brook at 3300 Dundee which is about 11.5 acres and is slated for 35 to 40 single family homes; and also another property at 175 Point Drive (off Lake Cook Rd.) and they are looking at putting possibly 32 to 35 townhome units there. We are not at the point where we need to make decisions at this particular time and will continue to monitor the situation.
- As far as Financial projection, there will be a 5 or 7% tax levy process for 2022. In 2022, the CPI came in at 7% (a historical number in recent years). The referendum process will be on hold for the current time. We will take care of the roof and HVAC with the normal levy process.
- As far as upcoming administrative changes, Theresa Fournier and Julie Revello will be retiring, Meggan Buchanan will be a principal closer to her home, Dr. McElligott will be a new Director and Mrs. Beake will be the principal at Wood Oaks. We have also filled the position for the assistant principal at Hickory Point and Shabonee and will be announcing that individual soon via press release. We are currently working on the assistant principal position at Wood Oaks as well. And we have picked a candidate to fill Julie Revello's position her name is Heather Miehl and she held a similar position in District 28. Also, we would like to announce that Dr. Maureen Deely and Dr. Meggan Buchanan both successfully defended their dissertations. Congratulations!

Dr. Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services

- The retiring individuals this year include Pete Lograsso, Julie Revello, Julie Kelmis, and Theresa Fournier and they will be celebrated via an after-school celebration on May 12th with our colleagues.
- If you know of any college students who are responsible young adults who are interested in being summer custodians for District 27 please contact Dr. Fournier. The individual would be responsible, dependable, and they would work with the team of people on cleaning, sanitation, moving furniture, light painting, light outdoor work including weeding. This would be an all-day position.

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

 Nothing new to report. We are humming along with the curriculum. We are working on the summer curriculum and next year's curriculum; and the preliminaries for last week's IAR your testing will come in July.

Dr. Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

• We will try to get school fees figured out by July. Dr. Rios will reach out to Lynn Howard about PTA membership around the beginning of June.

Mrs. Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications

 If there is anything going on at a school, please give her a shout out so she can take photos as appropriate.

Mr. Trevor Hope, Director of Technology

Mrs. Beake, Wood Oaks Assistant Principal

• At Wood Oaks, we are excited to announce that 11 8th graders are going to Peoria for the state science fair. On Friday 4/22 we will begin the fifth grader's transition to Wood Oaks. There will be a parent zoom meeting on Monday 4/25 which will be recorded. The wind ensemble was invited to the super-state event on May 6th. This is exciting as 13 out of the last 17 years they've been invited to super-state. Track and field is hoping for better weather for their track meet on 4/21. We are finishing IAR testing at Wood Oaks for those who needed makeup tests. And a big thanks to the PTA for the recycling summer reading books program. We are also currently planning Field Day, graduation, and the start of the next school year.

Council Reports:

Emily Taylor, President

- Vote of 22/23 Slate The 22-23 Slate was approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - President: Lisa Buckley 2 year term
 - Vice President: Anna Harris 1 year left
 - Treasurer: Michelle Lebovitz 1 year left
 - Secretary: Irina Colon 2 year term
 - Calendar: Marie Samson 2 year term
 - Communications: Stefanie Bregman 2 year term
 - Hot Lunch Kate Riggs 2 year term

- Sales Tax Meeting update The sales tax meeting was held on April 10th with current and incoming executive boards at 3 schools. We will continue to do hot lunch program as we do now. If we do want to make any changes we can look at other hot lunch vendors.
- Confirm 4 retirees and date of the celebration? (see update above under Dr. Deiter)
- May meeting brunch for all PTA executive boards and 'retiring' D27 PTA parents This meeting is traditionally a brunch. Is there any way that this could be held down stairs at Wood Oaks or outside? We will go ahead and plan for downstairs at Wood Oaks.
- Rohrabaugh scholarship committee (see update above under Dr. Deiter)
- End of year We also should start to plan to do early transitions: get a date on the books to transition from one Executive Board to the next Executive Board. This will include updating MyTax and the bank accounts.

Anna Harris, Vice President

- We will plan on voting for extra funds from the PTA Council to the 8th grade party at the brunch on 5/18.
- Anna is preparing and sending a district-wide blast about Fresh Midwest they are doing a
 double donation for the month of May. Remember to include this in your principal blogs.
- Also they are still running the collection for Ukraine at 3 schools, please remind parents on Facebook and in the blogs.

Michelle Lebovitz, Treasurer

New procedure to ease the responsibilities of each school's treasurer position - Michelle
proposed several changes to help take the burden off of the Treasurers. Hickory Point and
Shabonee have both talked about implementing them. These include things like keeping hot
lunch payments by credit card, moving some work off of the treasurer's plates, etc.

Lynn Howard, Secretary

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

PTA Council Committee Reports:

D27 5K Race - Anna Harris & Melina Waddle

• There is a meeting on 4/27 at 8 p.m. at Melinda's house and on Zoom, let Anna know if you would like to help. We are currently dealing with a minor hiccup with the date, it was planned for October 1st but the park district cannot approve that date at this time, they have construction that is expected to finish the same date and it could possibly run late. The park district is worried that it will run over. The options are to move the date to October 15th or to look for an alternate race course. Those are currently being considered. Karen Frum has been mapping out other courses but we do need to be careful since a double loop can be tricky as far as timing things correctly. October 7th is the Chicago marathon weekend and it is an option that is being considered. Next week we are planning on looking at a construction map to see if we can continue on with the race anyway. Fundraising has begun, the first donation was already received. The race bags arrived late for 2021 and we can use them in 2022.

Calendar - Lisa Buckley

• The calendar meeting will be on May 10th at 10 am. Please send Lisa your tentative dates by May 6th or May 7th. She has already received some dates.

Communications - Anna Harris

 A special thank you to Mr. Werth who was able to figure out a way to do emails by grade for communications. This allows us to spend special targeted emails just to 8th grade or 5th graders or 2nd graders about the transition.

Directory – Lynn Howard

Continue to grant directory access to new PTA members.

Hot Lunch - Emily Taylor

Environmental - Adrienne Felder-Mittelman

 The Environmental committee has been collecting summer reading books to recycle. This will help reduce costs to the PTA.

Club 27 - Nothing to report.

PTA School Reports:

Hickory Point – Samantha Diamond and Kate Riggs

• At Hickory Point we started the end-of-year teacher appreciation activities. We did an extra gift card raffle last year, and this year we took fundraising dollars and bought 9 gift cards from different businesses that frequently support the Hickory Point PTA. We are also doing Adopt Support Staff and we have just a few individuals that have yet to be adopted. We're also planning the traditional luncheon. The kids are also invited to drop a picture or letter off in love letter drop boxes set up around the school that will be delivered to the teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. The Lou Malnati's fundraiser is ending soon. We have placed a new spirit wear order to sell on Family Night on 5/27. We also had elections for the new executive board; and are still looking to fill 2 Co Chair positions for next year.

Shabonee - Lynn Howard

 At Shabonee we have been collecting and sorting books for our Book Swap event on Friday 4/22,. Our Spring Family Fun Night has just been rescheduled for Friday 5/20 due to cold and rainy weather in the forecast. Teacher Appreciation Week planning is in its final stages. We just held elections for our next executive board and are already working to fill committee chair positions for next year.

Wood Oaks - Debbie Salzer Rothschild and Rivka Daar

Thanks to Cari and Rob for approving the five Pizza Fridays to help support the 8th grade grad party (the pizza Fridays are not specifically for eighth graders, and are open to any students at Wood Oaks). We have now added a Graduation Corner in the blog which has details about the WhirlyBall event which will be Tuesday 5/31 from 7 to 9 p.m. as well as details about grad shirts and grad signs. And a reminder that pictures for the eighth grade montage are due this weekend. Rich Friedman worked with the team on pricing for the grad shirts and grad signs. Eighth grade kids will be getting a Glenbrook Spartans duffel bag. The Do-rite Donuts sales are also going to be the same day and they are doing a dineout at Marisa's Pizza Monday to Thursday all-day 20% back to the PTA. We are also doing a Mabel's Labels fundraising for Camp labels, and 20% of

sales go back to the PTA. We are still looking for a co-president for Rivka - please let her know if you can think of anyone (even possibly the parent of an incoming 5th grader).

New Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

Attendees: Dr. Deiter, Dr. Fournier, Dr. Rio, Dr. Olson, Tarah O'Connell, Cari Beake, Emily Taylor, Michelle Lebovitz, Anna Harris, Debbie Salzer Rothschild, Rivka Daar, Sam Diamond, Kate Riggs, Lisa Buckley, and Lynn Howard