

District 27 PTA Council Meeting

September 22, 2010

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened at 9:35 a.m. PTA Council President thanked the Administration for all the hours of work that have been put in over the summer to have everything ready for the first day of school. The facilities look beautiful, the new website provides easy access to information and the new netbooks and technology at Wood Oaks are truly cutting edge. The PTA also thanks the Administration for the relationship we have in this district to work toward the good of all the children.

II. Administration Reports

A. Superintendent Report (Dr. Kroeze)

1. Fall enrollment report (on website)
2. Outdoor Education Program Study (Dr. Olson): 5th grade program; Evaluating--a. relevancy of the program, b. duplication of services, and c. supervision issues; Oct. 28--will present information to Board of Education and they will make a decision at the Nov. meeting
3. Shabonee Project--working on completion of site development; goal is to have initial layers of parking lot complete by Sept. 27 for Curriculum Night and entire project done by 2nd or 3rd week of Oct.
4. ISAT Performance Results--overall wonderful results (Dr. Olson)
5. Oct. 26th--Community tours of schools 6:30-8:00; will have one classroom per grade level open--need PTA volunteers (5 @ WO/HP; 7 @ SH); each PTA president can solicit volunteers at upcoming PTA meetings (arrive 6:15)

B. Asst. Superintendent Personnel & Student Services (Dr. Fournier)—looking at ELL subgroups to ensure they are getting needed services.

C. Asst. Superintendent Curriculum (Dr. Olson)—see above

D. Asst. Superintendent Finance and Operations (Mrs. Arakelian)

1. PTA Insurance Coverage and Certificates--PTA is covered through the district and we should waive the IL-PTA insurance coverage that is offered; PTA Council President will sign the waiver for all of the PTA's
2. PTA Incorporation--not necessary

3. Transportation-four Shabonee bus routes are being investigated; next year need to consider consolidating stops to reduce bus route times; WO and HP routes are working and the WO children are no longer waiting for buses at the end of the day.

E. Director of Communications (Mrs. Kahover)-- new district website is up and work continues to refine the website; the site is easy to navigate and has useful tools for parents such as the email event reminders; the district calendar on the front page will be the calendar for ALL district programs

F. Shabonee Principal (Mrs. Heinz)--first PTA meeting was well attended; Oct. 1-Back to School Bash collecting donations for Children's Memorial Hospital; Diary of a Wimpy Kid presale as part of book fair

III. PTA Council Officer Reports

A. President (Cynthia Nadig)--recycling drive for old directories during week of Parent/Teacher Conferences in October (PTA blast, principal newsletters, posters); Environmental Committees to put out bins for collection prior to shredding day

B. Vice President (Tiffany Sybert)-deferred

C. Treasurer (Karen Hoelscher)

1. Financial Statement-deferred

2. Budget Approval-deferred

3. Approved Council distribution of Grove PTA Funds-\$12, 422.29-equal portion to three school PTA's and a smaller portion to district scholarship fund

D. Secretary (Heather Cole)-deferred

IV. PTA Committee Reports

A. Directory status (reported by PTA Council President for Paula Hom Sievert)--at printer now and delivery to membership chairs scheduled for September 28.

B. Calendar (Lauri Bloom-Kaplan)--Any changes or additions go to Lauri

C. Communications (Ruth Jacobs)--create guidelines of what goes on website and for how long

D. eScrip Update (Marlyse Serlin)

-gained 58 new participants at WO packet pick-up, 232 new participants at Dominick's; this is an increase of 50% participants overall which could equal

about \$3000/yr; recognize Dominick's for its donation through eScrip on PTA website and PTA President notes in each school's PTA Post in Principals' newsletters on Friday; another community weekend planned for Nov. 13/14, 2010

E. Environmental-how can we educate children about lunch trash recycling -tabled for further discussion.

F. Hot Lunch-need for third co-chair given amount of work and it would be beneficial for succession planning

V. PTA School Reports--deferred

VI. Old Business-MPO update—they do not have any fundraising opportunity so concert/school performance gift giving will continue to be PTA responsibility

VII. New Business-One Book Program--deferred

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 11:52

IX. Shabonee tour—deferred due to time constraints

Next meeting October 20, 2010 @9:15 @ Hickory Point

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Heather Cole

PTA Council Secretary