

## **MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Danielle Scala.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Mr. Heaney)**

Mr. Heaney:

- Provided an update of the administering of the PARCC Test. The Third Grade testing is completed and the Fourth and Fifth Grade testing is in progress. Fourth Grade students will also take the NJASK Science assessment on May 27. The year-end PARCC assessment will be in May, 2015. Testing has gone well with attendance levels high and make up testing at a minimum. There were some scheduling challenges due to the closures and delayed openings as a result of the weather. Scores are anticipated to be available in October 2015.
- Advised that Grades K-3 Report Cards will be issued on March 31, 2015 via email.
- Thanked the PTO for its flexibility in adjusting the Simply Gourmet lunch schedule to accommodate the PARCC testing schedule and for the new library furniture.
- Outlined other events: Mom's Night Out Self Defense Class on March 12; Tae Kwon Do Family Fun Night on March 27; Fourth Grade Play on March 31 at 7:30 PM.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will get laptops to use in school during the 2015-2016 school year.

### **TEACHER LIAISON (Anita Brower)**

Mrs. Brower thanked the PTO for: an exceptional International Day; including the teachers in the SEPTO event; and the new library furniture. She said that she would remind teachers that they are invited to attend the March 12 Tae Kwon Do Self Defense course.

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015 MINUTES (Danielle Scala)**

On a motion by Danielle Scala and seconded by Alice Stout, the membership approved the minutes of the February 10, 2015 Woodland PTO Meeting.

### **KISS AND WAVE (Danielle Scala)**

The PTO recently purchased a new Kiss and Wave sign that is on display at the curb in the morning to remind parents about proper drop off procedures. In addition, Mr. Heaney is reminding parents to have children exit on the curb side of the vehicle.

### **LIBRARY FURNITURE (Danielle Scala)**

The PTO recently purchased new furniture and rugs for the library, including bean bags to replace the park benches. Additional improvements will be made in the future.

### **SCIENCE DAY (Danielle Scala)**

Science Day, chaired by Kim Palmeri-Naman, is scheduled for April 22, 2015. The planning is under way and the schedule is currently being developed. An overview of specific events and activities was provided by Kim Palmeri-Naman at the January 13, 2015 PTO Meeting.

Volunteers are needed for certain events. More information will be provided as additional details are finalized.

#### **SEPTO NIEMAN MARCUS FUNDRAISING EVENT (Danielle Scala)**

This districtwide fundraising event to benefit special needs was held at the Nieman Marcus at the Short Hills Mall on February 18, 2015. Woodland attendance was very high. The Woodland PTO was awarded a basket and \$500. The basket will be used in conjunction with Teacher Appreciation Week.

#### **FIFTH GRADE EVENT (Danielle Scala/Alice Stout)**

The event is coordinated by ALT this year. Alice Stout, Tracy Leftkowitz and Erica Greene are coordinating Woodland's role in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Event. It is scheduled for June 3, 2015 (June 10, 2015 rain date) at Camp Harmony.

#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (TAW) (Tanya McAusland)**

Tanya McAusland is chairing Teacher Appreciation Week. It is scheduled for the week of May 4, 2015. She requested additional volunteers and ideas for TAW. A Signup Genius will be created for volunteers to offer their help. Materials for decorating teachers' doors will be supplied.

#### **FIELD DAY (Danielle Scala)**

Field Day is scheduled for June 5, 2015. The budget was increased due to a reallocation of \$1000 from the Fifth Grade Event that was approved at the February 10, 2015 PTO meeting. As additional information becomes available, it will be communicated.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS (Danielle Scala)**

- Tae Kwon Do Events: Tanya McAusland provided information on some upcoming Tae Kwon Do events offered by Impact of Warren: (1) a Mom's Self Defense course on March 12 at 7:45 PM; (2) a Family Fun Night on March 27 in the Woodland APR from 7 PM to 8 PM. These events could potentially lead to fundraising opportunities for the PTO.
- An educator parent dialogue sponsored by the Somerset County Education Association will be held on April 16, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Somerset County Education Association in Bridgewater.
- PTO Appreciation Event is scheduled for April 30, 2015. Time and location will be announced when the information becomes available. There will be no PTO meeting in April.
- Family Fun Day is scheduled for May 2, 2015 at Camp Riverbend. Details about cost, food and activities will be provided at a later date and a flyer will be sent out.
- Woodland Parent-Teacher Basketball Game is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM. It will be K, 1 and 2 teachers and parents against Grades 3, 4 and 5 teachers and parents. The potential to make it a fundraising event is being explored.
- Bricks4Kidz will be offered again.
- The Brain Show Assembly will be on May 20, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.

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