

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND SCHOOL PTO MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

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

Welcome (Danielle Scala)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Mr. Heaney)

Mr. Heaney:

- Thanked the PTO for the valentine's parties, help during lunch, Dream It-Fund It assemblies and the opportunities provided by the PTO for staff and students to spend time together.
- Indicated that preparations are underway, and are being incorporated into the curriculum, for the April 2016 PARCC testing and noted that Woodland's Third Grade students performed in the top three in Somerset County in the Language Arts portion during the Spring 2015 testing.
- Reviewed recent Woodland activities, including the Second Grade Musical, which had a "character" theme, and a Character Education lesson on "active learning" on February 11.
- Announced upcoming Woodland events, including the 100th Day of School on February 18, Parents Night Out (PNO) on February 26, and the continuing of Kindergarten registration for 2016-2017.
- Announced that the 5th Grade classes would be attending JA BizTown on May 25 with Central School. JA BizTown is a Junior Achievement program underwritten by a grant from the Metlife Foundation that provides an in-classroom curriculum of learning 21st Century life skills, such as civic responsibility and financial literacy, in combination with a simulated community at JA BizTown where students use the skills learned in the classroom in a practical setting.
- Announced that Mr. Bayachek would be on Family Leave from February through May 2016.
- Provided an overview of recent proposed legislative changes to physical education requirements and its potential impact. He noted that: the district is reviewing its policies on recess; Woodland's recess is structured; and no major changes are anticipated.
- Advised that there are meetings between Woodland and Watchung Hills Regional High School staff to enhance coordination of communication and safety procedures.

TEACHER LIAISON (Christine Rzasa)

Mrs. Rzasa inquired about the replacement of defective earbuds. Teachers are being encouraged to attend PNO.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT (PNO) (Danielle Scala/Tanya McAusland)

The event is February 26, 2016 at the Primavera with entertainment provided by the Nerds. Tickets are still available for purchase through February 22 online through the PTO website. There will be a silent auction with lifetime experience opportunities. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. There will be further communication through the Homeroom moms and PTO website. Parents from Central School and ALT are also supporting the event.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION (Box Tops) (Rosa Krause)

Rosa Krause reported that the PTO received \$700 as a result of its last submission of Box Tops. She commented on the need to communicate the importance of collecting, and setting a goal for the collection of, box tops and proposed some ways to increase the collection of box tops. Danielle Scala thanked Rosa Krause for her time and effort in coordinating, collecting and redeeming Box Tops.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Danielle Scala)

- SEPTO Event: Nieman Marcus is hosting Ladies Night Out on February 25 (6:00 PM to 8:00 PM) with proceeds benefiting Warren's Special Education PTO (SEPTO). It is a free event with opportunities for makeovers and to win gift baskets.
- Woodland Staff-Parent Basketball Game is March 16, 2016 with a 6:30 PM start time and a \$2 admission fee. Food will be available for purchase.
- Girls on the Run (GOTR): Laura Kerr and Yee Jao are chairing GOTR this spring. The program will be Tuesdays and Fridays after school and will begin after spring break.
- Student Talent Show: The 5th Grade REACH Too! Students are presenting a talent show of Woodland students. It is tentatively scheduled for April 15. Parent volunteers may be needed.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 2 and it is being chaired by Tanya McAusland. Volunteers are needed.
- Camp Riverbend: Woodland Day at Camp Riverbend is June 4 (3:00 PM to 5:00 PM) with a cost of \$5 per person. The event will be similar to last year.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2016 MINUTES (Danielle Scala)

On a motion by Tanya McAusland and seconded by Lauren Wishnia, the membership approved the minutes of the January 12, 2016 Woodland PTO Meeting.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.