

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Danielle Scala.

Welcome and Happy New Year (Danielle Scala)

TEACHER LIAISON (Anita Brower)

Mrs. Brower thanked the PTO for the Staff Holiday Luncheon. She also spoke about the mindfulness program that Mrs. Langworthy has been presenting to all the grades.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP (SEPAG) (Danielle Scala/Leanna Wellerding)

Leanna Wellerding, Co-Chair SEPAG, introduced SEPAG, which is an advisory group that provides input to the Warren Board of Education regarding special needs students. The advisory group is required by New Jersey state regulations. SEPAG provides input on policies, programs and practices impacting services and support for children with disabilities and their families. The Woodland PTO has a liaison to SEPAG. Volunteers are needed. Information on SEPAG may be obtained by emailing wtssepag@gmail.com or through its website, <https://m.facebook.com/WarrenTownshipSEPAG>.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Mr. Heaney)

Mr. Heaney:

- Thanked the PTO for: the beautification of the school and garden, especially the efforts of the Kardos family, and indicated the garden would be dedicated in the spring; the Holiday luncheon; Dream It-Fund It assemblies; Bingo Night; and the Spirit Wear sale.
- Provided an update on the 2016 PARCC Test results, including a review of how Woodland students performed relative to Warren district scores, statewide scores and overall PARCC scores. He noted that Woodland students performed well and explained how the PARCC data can be used to identify areas of academic strengths and weaknesses. He also reviewed the results of the 2016 NJASK Science Test.
- Reviewed important dates: January 16, school is closed for Martin Luther King Day; January 19 is the Nat Geo Bee; January 30 is the close of the marking period for Grades 4-5; February 6 and 7 is the 4th Grade Musical; PARCC testing is May 8-12; and the NJASK Science Test (4th Grade) is May 31.

PTO SPONSORED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (Danielle Scala/Tanya McAusland)

The On the Court X-Perience basketball clinic begins January 24 and Bricks4Kids begins on January 11. Additional information is available on the PTO website.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU (Danielle Scala)

Appreciation and acknowledgement were given to:

- Karen Madura, Kim Thomasson and Ana Martin for chairing Bingo Night and all the volunteers who helped make the event a success, including Mr. Kilroy and the Student Leadership Association and the Middle School students; and
- Carolyn Sena for organizing the Staff Holiday luncheon.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2016 MINUTES (Danielle Scala)

On a motion by Karen Madura and seconded by Paige Jasaitis, the membership approved the minutes of the November 10, 2016 Woodland PTO Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS and DATE CHANGES (Danielle Scala)

- Parent-Staff Basketball Game is March 15 and a parent captain is still needed.
- International Day is March 31. Rosa Krause and Christine Prinzivalli are chairs. A planning meeting will be held at Panera on January 12 at 7:00 PM.
- Student Talent Show is April 6. The Student Leadership Association is helping with the event.
- Science Day is April 21. Kim Naman is Chair.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 1.
- Field Day is June 8.
- Fifth Grade Event at Camp Harmony is June 12 (rain date of June 14).
- Patriots Game is tentatively scheduled for June 16.
- Woodland Day at Camp Riverbend, which has previously been in the spring, may possibly be held in the fall as a Welcome Back event.
- Information on upcoming events may be found on the PTO website.

Danielle Scala announced that the next PTO meeting would be in March 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.