

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017**

**PTO AGENDA ITEMS**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Lauren Wishnia.

**MR. HEANEY –**

- Mr. Heaney welcomed the group and shared a video clip from C-Span with Congressman Leonard Lance commending Woodland School as a 2017 Blue Ribbon School. A banner is to be hung in the center of town recognizing Woodland as a Blue Ribbon School. As part of the Blue Ribbon award, Mr. Heaney and Mr. Yenish will travel to Washington, DC in early November to represent Woodland School and receive a plaque and flag. Mr. Yenish was chosen at random from teachers who expressed interest in attending the conference in Washington, DC.
- In Mr. Heaney's next newsletter, he plans to share the application that was submitted for the Blue Ribbon award so anyone interested can read it.
- This week at Woodland students were given "Compassion It" bracelets (provided by PTO through Social Action budget) as part of the "Week of Making Good Choices" and challenged to flip the bracelet from black to white after doing something kind for others. Students were also given a ball-shaped certificate when a teacher witnessed them doing something kind. The balls were then hung on a bulletin board at school.
- Mr. Heaney expressed his thanks to the PTO for funding the "Stand up & Step In" assembly on 10/4, and also for the Scholastic Book Fair and noted that many of the teachers were taking advantage of the funds provided by this event to get books for their classrooms.
- He discussed Mrs. Leonard's rock painting activity which has been going well and the tie in with the book "Only One You". Rocks, once completed will be added to the front garden at school and will remain on display as part of the landscape going forward. SLA, Student Leadership Association, lead by Mr. Kilroy will be helping to seal the rocks before they are placed outdoors.
- Parent teacher conferences will be held 11/6-11/8
- Spirit Day – this Friday "Crazy Socks Day"
- Halloween Parade 2:45pm on Tuesday 10/31
- Donate regular sized Legos for the Library's "Lego Wall"
- As part of the "Dream it, Fund it" program, the third grade has proposed to do a timeline expressing the history of Woodland School in the "west" hallway.
- Mr. Heaney is on Twitter! Follow his Tweets about Woodland @princwoodland

**PTO MEMBERSHIP AND FUND DRIVE UPDATE –**

- The membership drive has raised \$5000 for Woodland.

**BLUE RIBBON CELEBRATION –**

- Planning for a Blue Ribbon Celebration at Woodland is in the works. Save the date November 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Invitation to go out soon, please share with alumni, friends, etc.

DIRECTORY UPDATE –

- The winner of the Cover art contest for the Directory is Helena Pace
- Printing of the 2017-2018 Directory should be completed and ready for delivery in November

PARENTS NIGHT OUT UPDATE –

- A good number of tickets have been sold so far
- Committee is seeking 100% participation on the Basket Raffle – asking a \$5 donation toward the baskets from every student.
- Corporate and any individual sponsorships are still being sought out to defray the cost of the event and contribute to the fund raising.

TRUNK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> –

- 24 cars have signed up to participate so far
- Bakers needed
- Encourage Food truck concession (so they will have enough business to be worthwhile for future)
- Firetrucks will participate
- Sensory sensitive time will be from 6:15-6:30 allowing no loud sounds, no flashing lights
- Candy donations are still needed!

CULTURAL ARTS –

- No Bullying: Stand Up, Step In assembly was held 10/4 at school

SIMPLY GOURMET –

- Thanksgiving Fundraiser coming up – information/details will be available after Halloween.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES –

- September meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Melissa Pecoraro-Segerson moved they be accepted. Payal Shah Seconded. So moved.

THANK YOU'S –

- Lauren Wishnia extended thank you's to Kim Thomasson for her efforts to make the Book Fair a huge success.
- And also to Chery Opell for the idea to do the Compassion Bracelets.

**Lauren Wishnia announced that the next PTO meeting will be on in December – and is date and time TBD and will be announced.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.