

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017**

PTO AGENDA ITEMS

The PTO meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Lauren Wishnia.

MR. HEANEY –

CHANGE IN TEACHER LIAISON – Mrs. Leonard will be the new PTO Teacher Liaison taking the place of Mrs. Brower.

PARCC PERFORMANCE – Mr. Heaney reviewed Woodland’s and the District’s performance on PARCC testing for 2016-2017 School year and explained that we are overall well above the State and National average with our scores. There is an online presentation by Bill Kimmick with more detailed information about the Warren Township PARCC testing. This document can be found at: <https://www.warrentboe.org/curriculum/State-Test-Results/>

NJASK SCIENCE - Additionally, Mr. Heaney discussed the results of the NJASK Science testing taken by Grade 4 students and noted that at Woodland 98% of students received Advanced Proficient or Proficient scores of that group 70% fell in the Advanced Proficient Category and 8 Students received perfect scores on this test.

This year both tests will be administered during the month of May.

ACTIVE LEARNING SPACES - Mr. Heaney discussed the introduction of “Active Learning Spaces” – classrooms with different styles of furniture than traditional classrooms that hope to improve the mind-body connection. A pilot program to test out this “re-imagined classroom environment” has been installed 1 classroom per school. Furniture items include “mushroom type stools”, low tables and collaborative items. Woodland hopes to use Scholastic dollars to fund some additional furniture in the future.

THIRD GRADE TIMELINE PROJECT: Third graders are currently working on a timeline of the history of Woodland School which will be installed in the “west wing”. Currently research and learning toward this goal in process.

BLUE RIBBON CELEBRATION: Thank you for the Staff tee shirts. Over 400 people attended the celebration!

WINTER SPIRIT DAYS: Pajama Day was on 12/8 and Ugly Sweater day will be on 12/21

REPORT CARDS: K-Third Grade Report Cards will go out next week.

MRS. LEONARD – Thank you on behalf of the staff for the Blue Ribbon Celebration, Thank you in advance for the Staff Luncheon, and Thank you for funding the Rock project – which is in progress with spring installation anticipated.

LAUREN WISHNIA –

PTO MEMBERSHIP – A winner was drawn from the \$100 contributors for a gift card to Stone House – winner was Danielle Rowell.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT – BINGO –

- This event is scheduled for Friday January 5th.
- Need computer software to run bingo?
- Service club will host a bake sale
- PTO will sell snacks and drinks
- Bring your own Bingo Markers

YOUNG AUTHORS DAY - Jenna Bellish / Erika Green Co-Chairs

- Scheduled for March 23, 2018
- Can be half or full day
- Would be a good idea to make commitments for 2019 earlier as popular authors book out well in advance.
- Mrs. Leonard has input and experience to offer
- Consider changing date to May – after PARCC exams.

PERFORMING ARTS DAY – Lauren Wishnia / Rosa Krause Co-Chairs

- Still needs to be detailed and figured out
- Music, Dance, Acting
- Stomp Group, Big Apple Circus – ideas to investigate further

BLUE RIBBON TEE SHIRT FUNDRAISER –

- Rosa Krause can do heat press style t-shirts for better price point than screen printing
- Trish Patricco to send design to Rosa for quotes
- Sell at Bingo night?

PARENTS NIGHT OUT UPDATE –

- Ticket sales will be opened up to beyond just the Woodland school families to increase participation.

WOODLAND DIRECTORY – Distribution of directory to all PTO members has been completed.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES –

- October meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Kim Kardos moved they be accepted. Payal Shah Seconded. So moved.

Lauren Wishnia announced that the next PTO meeting will be in February – date and time TBD and will be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.