

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING
FRIDAY OCTOBER 19, 2018**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Lauren Wishnia.

MR HEANEY –

- PAARC update at next meeting. Woodland always performs well on standardized testing. District Curriculum Director Mr. William Kimmick will be preparing an analysis of district wide results.
- PAARC will be replaced by SSLA a different standardized test going forward. This test is still technology based, but shorter, only 4 days vs. 7 days for PAARC. Focuses on Math and Language Arts.
- Readers & Writers workshop
- Trunk or Treat 1 week away
- Bingo Night was a great success, great return on investment for cost to host. Plan to do another one in spring.
- Week of Respect was last week. Thank you to Dana Marucci and the PTO for the Upstander Assembly.
- Week of making good choices is next week.
- Always Connected assembly for 4th graders teaches online & technology safety. Middle School has launched use of 365 app & Stop It app which allows anonymous reporting of potential HIB concerns.
- Ms. Wisher and Ms. McGrath are starting a morning (in house) TV Station with students starting soon.
- Parent Teacher conferences will be 11/6-11/8 with no school Thursday & Friday that week for NJ Teacher's Convention.
- 11/13 & 11/15 Will be American Education Week with visits from 9:30-10:30 am both days for interested parents.
- Mr. Heaney also expressed thanks for the Book Fair and funds raised.

TEACHER LIAISON – Mrs. Leonard

- Mrs. Leonard expressed thanks from the staff for the Book Fair, For Trunk or Treat and for the Rocks project for the student project now installed in front of the school building.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEEETING MINUTES –

- Minutes from the September 12, 2018 were submitted for approval – motion to approve by Kim Kardos, Seconded by Paige Jasaitis – and so moved.

PTO MEMBERSHIP AND FUND DRIVE EXTENDED –

- Lauren Wishnia advised that we will extend the PTO membership drive into October & November with hopes of increased participation.

DIRECTORY UPDATE & COVER CONTEST –

- Tricia Patricco advised that Cover Contest submittals are coming in with 10/28 deadline. Mr. Heaney will select winner at that time.
- We will use the same printer as the Cookbook – this is Accent Printing Solutions in New Providence.

BOOK FAIR WRAP UP –

- This year’s book fair was a success
- Some “sold out” items are on order from Scholastic and will be delivered to students when they come in.
- Teachers should be alerted to the availability of “Scholastic Bucks” which can be spent on items from the Scholastic catalog.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, COOKBOOK & SIMPLY GOURMET BAKE SALE –

- Dana Marucci noted that by sourcing local printer we are able to extend the deadline for submittal of Recipes and for ordering, and still deliver before Winter Break. We will order extra to sell along with SpiritWear at events like Bingo Night.
- Recipes are still needed.
- Kim Kardos will coordinate the Simply Gourmet bake sale for week before Thanksgiving. Trish Patricco to prepare flyer for distribution.

FACILITY REQUEST PROCEDURES FOR ASSEMBLIES / EVENTS AT SCHOOL –

- It is noted that for assemblies and events where an outside vendor is brought in COI (Certificate of Insurance) must be provided and the Woodland PTO must be listed as additional insured party on these.

RENEWAL OF PTO INSURANCE –

- Lauren Wishnia took on the task of reviewing options for PTO insurance coverage. She noted there are two insurance companies that provide this type of insurance. As it turned out, our incumbent company “PTO Today” provides the most reliable coverage, and based on that we have renewed our policy with them.

UPCOMING EVENTS – TRUNK OR TREAT –

- Tricia Patricco & Dana Marucci co-chairs for event
- Event has been organized, including Food Truck, Fire Truck, Bake Sale, and Volunteers to decorate cars, Volunteers for set up & clean up. DJ is booked. Giveaways to be prepared from donations leftover from last year from Ilana Barsky. Candy collections coming in.

BOE ISSUES – JANUARY REFERENDUM, 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR INPUT

- January 22, 2019 Referendum vote coming up – Vote YES to ensure township receives state funds to help with building maintenance.

- Calendar options for the 2019-2020 School year are being reviewed. Option 2 seems more favorable for families. Parents are encouraged to write to Dr. Mingle or the School Board to express opinion in favor of one calendar or another to influence selection.

THANK YOUS –

- Lauren Wishnia expressed thanks to Paige Jasaitis for helping co-chair the book fair and all our volunteers, and to Ana Risoli, Chrissy DiBella and Paige Jasaitis for Bingo Night.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.