

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING
FRIDAY DECEMBER 14, 2018**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Lauren Wishnia.

REFERENDUM –

- Mr. Heaney introduced Mrs. Leonhardt from the Board of Education who gave an overview of the upcoming Referendum vote on January 22, 2019 which seeks to enable Warren Township to receive State funds to offset approximately 34% of the cost of required building maintenance items at various schools in the district. The total estimated cost for this maintenance is \$6.5 million. State aid would provide \$2.210 million toward this cost. The key items of importance with this Referendum are that it will have no tax impact, no downside, and that it is important for everyone to come out and vote YES for this item on January 22nd. Detailed information about the referendum is on the www.warrentboe.org website, as well as in a handout distributed at the meeting.

MR. HEANEY –

- Fifth graders will be caroling in the school building during the day today
- Extended thank you to the PTO for the “My Face” Assembly which focused on awareness and compassion for people with craniofacial deformities. Grades 3-5 were strongly impacted by the message of the program, K-2 less so.
- Spirit Day on 12/20 will be “Ugly Sweater Day”
- First & Second Grade Musical is next week 12/17 at 10am for students, Tuesday 12/18 at 10am for Parents & Families
- Offered help of Staff for International Day & Science Day plans
- Briefly reviewed results of district & Woodland 2017-2018 test scores as they compare to State overall. A full presentation of PAARC scores will be on the www.warrentboe.org website.
- New NJ Standardized test will be SLA; Student Learning Assessment. Scheduled for May 13-17th Language Arts & Math for Grades 3-5 and May 20-21st for Science Grade 5 Only. If this is missed, it must be made up. So it is asked that parents avoid vacations and doctors appointments on these dates.
- Shared video prepared by local Real Estate Agent highlighting the Warren Township School district – will be hosted on the www.warrentboe.org website soon.
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

TEACHER LIAISON – Mrs. Rzasa

- Thanked PTO for the “My Face” assembly on behalf of the Staff
- Noted that Staff is looking forward to the Holiday luncheon
- Reiterated willingness for staff to help out with International Day & Science Day programs
- Lauren Wishnia reminded that “Dream it Fund it” monies are budgeted at \$500 per grade and not all grades have plans to use these monies.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEEETING MINUTES – Lauren Wishnia

- Minutes from the October 19, 2018 were submitted for approval – motion to approve by Paige Jasaitis, Seconded by Payal Shah – and so moved.

PTO FUND DRIVE – Lauren Wishnia

- Winner of the Stone House Gift Card for contributions of \$100 or more during the PTO Membership drive was drawn at random during the meeting – winner Paige Jasaitis.

DIRECTORY – Tricia Patricco

- This year's Student Directory was published and distributed in November.
- Our Cover Contest winner, selected by Mr. Heaney from 14 entries was Joseph Fazio, second grader.
- Lauren Wishnia & Tricia Patricco have both reviewed option from Directoryspot.net for a digital version with App for consideration going forward. Cost is the same or slightly less than what we spend for a printed directory. Benefits include ability to update with changes throughout the year, much easier access, and ability to have ready much earlier in the school year.

FUNDRAISING – Dana Marucci

- Cookbooks were picked up today and will be distributed soon.
- Simply Gourmet Thanksgiving fundraiser earned \$66.00 in profit.
- Thanked everyone for participation in the Clothing Drive Fundraiser. We should find out how much we earned sometime next week.

PTO STORAGE CLOSET – Paige Jasaitis

- It should be noted that the PTO closet must be kept tidy – must keep Circuit breaker box clear and accessible, and floor areas must be clear as well. Unannounced inspections by the Fire Marshall include this space and if not compliant must be addressed immediately.
- Grade Level Reps should notify class parents of this requirement.

SPIRITWEAR – Tricia Patricco

- Woody Keychains with the new logo have been purchased and are available for sale at \$8.00 each. These have been marketed on our Facebook page as well as E-blast from PTO as holiday gifts. Some orders have already been received. Contact Tricia for sales.

THIRD GRADE SCHOOL WIDE ASSEMBLY – Lauren Wishnia

- This year a third grade assembly for all schools was hosted by ALT. This was a program from the Franklin Institute.
- There is interest in integrating more in town field trips; enabling students to learn more about our community and its history.

SHARED MUSICALS WITH ALT – Lauren Wishnia

- Banner purchased by ALT PTO for the 1st & 2nd Grade musical offered to Woodland, then became a chargeable item. Preference to avoid this situation in the future.
- Thank you to Celeste Baechtold for her help with decorations for this musical.

THANK YOUS – Lauren Wishnia

- Thank you to Tricia Patricco & Dana Marucci for Co-Chairing Trunk or Treat.
- Thank you to Tricia Patricco for preparing & distributing the Directories.
- Thank you to Dana Marucci for organizing the clothing drive.

QUESTIONS –

- Patty Malone asked about the bulletin board in the APR – needs to be redone. This can be discussed with Danielle Rowell who is in charge of Bulletin Boards this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.