

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2019**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 7:04 m by Lauren Wishnia.

Teacher Liaison – Mrs. Leonard

- Expressed thanks from the staff for Science Day – it was wonderful! Shared thank you notes created by all second graders.
- Thank you for the Parent-Teacher Basketball game. We were proud to have raised \$800 for John Torrisi and his family.

Mr. Heaney

- Also expressed his thanks for Science Day. Very enriching programs, kids were all very engaged in the activities and presentations. Great feedback was received from students and teachers. Thank you specifically to Paige Jasaitis and Danielle Rowell – Co-Chairs for this special day.
- Thanks again for the Parent-Teacher basketball game, and for the money raised for JT Torrisi. He is improving some each day, and Mr. Heaney extends thanks from JT and his Mother for all the support.
- Thank you to the PTO for the furniture purchases via Scholastic Dollars.
- There are a number of class trips happening:
 - Earlier this week on 4/1 Third graders visited the town library
 - On 4/2 Second Graders visited the Basking Ridge Environmental Center
 - On 4/4 Kindergarteners will visit the town Police Station
 - On 6/4 Fourth Graders will go on a Tour of Warren hosted by 8th Graders visiting some town historic sites.
 - On 6/5 Fifth graders will enjoy the annual visit to Biztown.
 - Also sometime in June First Graders will participate in Farming activity and visit Wagner Farm Arboretum.
- Autism Awareness program for 1st & 5th graders “Accepting Differences”
- Jacob Bash – Lesson on Disabilities
- 4/11 Talent Show – 27 acts will perform
- 4/15-19 Spring Break week
- 4/22 Fifth Grade tree planting tradition
- 5/13-17 NJSLA (formerly PARCC) Standardized testing will occur. Students must be on time. Testing will be from 9-11am each day.
- 5/20-21 Science Standardized Testing days
- 5/3 PTO’s International Day – Offered help of the Staff as needed for this
- 4/25 – Take your child to work day
- Warren Patch has published a scoring report originally from NJ.com - Woodland scored 89.89 – 97th percentile for New Jersey.

Dr. Kline

- Teacher for Innovation & Design; Engineering, Math & Technology
- Please review her full presentation linked here:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aV8xPR50MtS18CuQVuV-MuH1jPS8giLVhNMSs-sNo7M/edit#slide=id.p>

- Partners with Mrs. Brown at the middle school level
- Program rotates with Library & Computers as part of the 6 day cycle
- Program at ALT for Marking period 1, At Mt. Horeb for 2nd, Central for 3rd and Woodland for 4th
- Curriculum is unique to Warren and was begun in 2010 and is based on next generation science standards
- There is interest in adding more Robotics to the program
- Some parents asked if there is an I&D program as part of Summer Fun (not at this time)

Lauren Wishnia

- Thank you to all Volunteers for Science Day – Amazing programs.
- International Day will be on 5/3 - \$600 more was added to the budget at the request of the committee. More volunteers are needed – a Sign Up Genius will be circulated soon.
- Fifth Grade event in June will now be at Camp Riverbend (Camp Harmony went out of business and can no longer be the venue). Woodland is in charge of food at this year's event. For next year 2020 – Woodland will Chair this event – Melissa Pecoraro-Segeron and Gina Blekicky will be Co-Chairs.
- Next Thursday evening 4/11 will be the Talent Show.
- 5/9 Bingo Night is planned
- 6/7 Student Night at the Somerset Patriots – Melissa Pecoraro-Segeron is in charge of tickets for Woodland – can this be a fundraiser?
- Parents Night out for 2020 has been scheduled for February 21st at the Primavera in Stirling. PTO should check and renew any raffle licenses in Fall 2019 as needed for this event.
- First Day School supply boxes are now on sale via their website
- PTO's newly updated website is now live. Check it out.
- Mother's Day Simply Gourmet Fundraiser to begin in early May with delivery on 5/10. Flyers to be prepared by Trish and distributed at school week of 4/29.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

- Paige Jasaitis made motion to accept the minutes. Kim Kardos seconded, so moved.

Thank you

- To Paige Jasaitis & Danielle Rowell for Science Day
- To all the parents and staff who volunteered to participate in the Parent-Teacher Basketball game

Next Meeting – Friday June 7, 2019 9:30am

- Last PTO Meeting of the year
- We will review Budget, Calendar and Officer Elections for next school year

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.