

MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13, 2019

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:39 AM by Tricia Patricco.

MR. HEANEY—

- Growth Mindset Lessons once a month in classroom. Today's lesson focused on goal setting and New Year's resolutions. It is important to set goals and set a path.
- Trunk or Treat, not in favor of combining with other schools due to the fact that it is not intimate and would pose safety concerns. There was an issue with newer parents having the ability to cross over to the high school. Would like to encourage the buddy system if kids are not with their parents. Assign PTO volunteers to stand in certain locations and possibly have plastic fencing. Need to talk about how best to supervise drop offs and what specific locations need to be supervised in September.
- Halloween parade worked out well in the gym. The new security procedure worked well. 15 people did not RSVP, but everyone was accounted for. The wrist bands did not make a difference since it is very hard to tell who has it on.
- The Morris County Prosecutor's Office sent out a mandatory letter in regards to an offender of Megan's Law. Encouraged visiting the website at <https://www.njsp.org/sex-offender-registry/> to get more information in regards to offenders in our area.
- American Education Week had the greatest turnout. The RSVP really helped and parents were able to see the growth mindset lesson.
- Spirit Days- Pajama day had 100 % participation. Wed. is ugly sweater day. Encouraged kids to participate.
- Staff holiday luncheon is next week. Teachers/staff always appreciate it. Issue was brought up of whether to have it in the staff room or tech room. Benefit of staff room is it's already set up for lunch but the downside is there is not enough room.
- Volleyball game sign up sheet has been prepared and an e-blast will go out next week. The game starts at 6:30pm. Ask Melissa Frega about the food truck.
- Bingo Night has been set for January 23rd.
- Thank you for the Lenape Assembly which will be on January 24th. This ties directly into the social studies lesson.
- Field Trips-Kindergarten will go to Wagner Farms to plant seeds. First grade will go to the library and police station. Second grade will go to the Environmental Education Center. Third grade will go to the Madison Museum.
- Library renovation has started. Planning for a big reveal in February. PTO will help students showcase things. All furniture has been moved out, painted and prepped for new carpet. Maintenance has done a great job. New carpet will be installed in the middle of January. New electric and new furniture will also be installed as well as adding

more branches to the tree. It is going to be a super awesome library. Mrs. Ronkowicz will be coming in to do some artwork. Mrs. Sarao will be going on maternity leave in March but will be back in June. Library unveiling night event. Bring a book to donate. Donation stickers will be placed inside the book with family's name that donated it.

- Mr. T, the new gym teacher has been doing a lot of fun and creative things in class. They had a Mario Kart game that the students loved. Also doing a Halloween-based and Thanksgiving-based game.
- Shared assemblies are a good idea because you can share the expense. Need to make it the best option as well as beneficial for students. For next year, each school would alternate as host so transportation wouldn't be the responsibility of the same school. There would be one google document and each school would add their assemblies to that doc. Possible suggestion of a face painting assembly for next year.
- Young Author's Day-everything seems to set. If you need anything, please ask.
- Olympic Day-reached out to Christine Prinzivalli to ask her if she is willing to co-chair. Suggested that each grade represent a country and make a flag and dress up with the flag colors. Do a sports activity that is popular in each country. Will have to assign 6 countries for each grade. Olympic Day was done 2-3 years ago and we can replicate what was done in the past. This would alternate with International/Science Day.
- New Bus Procedures-Some buses get to school at 8:40 AM and the paraprofessionals don't get the students off the bus until 8:50 and students are sitting idle on the bus for 10 mins. Now the paras will get the students off the bus at 8:40 and have them inside waiting in line at an assigned location.
- Halloween scarecrow donations for next fall. Families can donate it to school and the family's name will be displayed on the scarecrow and will be lined up on the walkway. Another possibility would be a painting rocks fundraiser.

TEACHER LIAISON—was not present at the meeting due to the Growth Mindset Lesson in the classroom.

BINGO NIGHT—October event was a big success. Another one is scheduled for January.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT—October event was great at Saly G's and we met our fundraising goal.

A & R WORKSHOP—Was lots of fun. Waiting to find out how much money was collected.

STAFF LUNCHEON—Scheduled for next week with Ciro's catering.

PARENT TEACHER VOLLEYBALL GAME—Food truck is being finalized. We have a referee in place with no cost to us. We have 12 people with 6 on court per team. Mr. T will bring balls. Parent volunteers needed to collect money at the door. Mrs. Brink and the service club will be doing a bake sale. Spirit wear will also be available for purchase. Water for players is needed. Event will cost \$5 per person with a \$20 cap per family.

DISTRICT MOM'S NIGHT OUT—Scheduled for January 29th. Sign up genius has been sent out. Sumitra Nicholson will be keeping track of RSVPs and collecting the money.

DAD'S NIGHT OUT—Scheduled for January 30th.

SWEETHEART DANCE—Scheduled for February 13th. Will food be provided and setup in the music room? Tickets will be sold in advance.

PARENT TEACHER BASKETBALL GAME—Scheduled for March 19th.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS—Lynchcreek fundraising doing pretty well. The wreaths are beautiful and very good quality. Last day to order is December 15th. We have made \$268 so far. Color fun run sometime in May. Looking for parents to volunteer to help organize it. Concerned with powder due to allergies or inhalation issues. Possible alternative would be a themed run. Biggest challenge is figuring out how to get pledges and collecting money. We do not have a platform for collecting online donations. Possible option would be that the donors choose and they purchase for you. Possible use for the money raised would be to improve the playground or help pay for assemblies. Field Day is scheduled for June 5th and will be a full day. Yankee baseball tickets deadline is March 5th. 17 tickets so far with \$170 collected.

THANK YOU'S—Thank you's were extended to Ashley Abines and Denise DeCorso for Bingo Night. Ashley Abines, Denise DeCorso and April Pearce for organizing Trunk or Treat. Dana Marucci, Millie Galarza and Ana Risoli for organizing Mom's Night Out. Dana Marucci for organizing Tuesday night's A/R Workshop event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—The minutes from the October 18th PTO Meeting were submitted for approval by Tricia Patricco seconded by Lauren Wishnia and Dana Marucci, voted and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.