

## MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2019

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by Tricia Patricco.

### MR. HEANEY—

- Mentioned good news on Twitter. Encouraged everyone to follow him. Woodland has been ranked number 167 among the top 200 to have New Jersey's best teachers and we were the only school in the district that ranked in the entire state.
- Grade 3 shared science assembly at ALT with the Franklin Institute in the works. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders would be bussed to ALT. Minimal cost of about \$150 to the PTO. Assembly would take place on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Also talk of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade trip to Madison Museum which would tie directly into the immigration project.
- Thank you to Dana Marucci for the K-3 assembly about the importance of being a bystander and children feeling empowered.
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade workshop by Coach Randy.
- Week of Respect was two weeks ago. Ms. Pranzo talked about the ripple effect and how 1 good deed can turn into 2.
- Week of making good choices will be next week.
- Growth mindset ties into kindness—next lesson is next Friday.
- The Power of Yet song will be played on the PA every Friday morning.
- Bingo Night was a great success. There were no issues with everyone coming to night events.
- Trunk or Treat will take place next Friday. Anything PTO needs please ask. This is a parent(s) event and it was emphasized that parent(s) attend and not drop their child off and also to be aware if your child has allergies.
- Halloween Parade will be on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the same time. New security procedure will be taking place. Parents will have to RSVP with their name and anyone else in the family that plans to attend. There will be a sign in at the table for those that have RSVP'd and a wrist band will be given. Anyone not on the list will have to go through the usual security system to be allowed in. Prior to the parade the children will take their belongings to caged area outside and parents will be able to pick up their child from that location. Sign in is at 2:15pm and the parade starts at 2:45pm. Reminder to parents to let children go into the stalls themselves. Mr. Heaney and a few other male teachers to help the boys.
- Email will be sent out on October 21<sup>st</sup> to parents if they would like to schedule a conference with Specials teachers. Parents will have to email the REACH, ASAP and Math teachers directly to schedule a conference.

- Actively searching for a school nurse. Posting will go out in Sunday Star Ledger. Mrs. Neri's last day will be Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> but there is coverage.
- First Grade chick project might not happen as it has been discovered that the chicks will not live long after they have come to school. Unsure if project will continue. Alternative would be the butterfly project which is environmentally friendly.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade Lenape assembly that would tie directly into the social studies lesson about the Lenape influence in New Jersey. This would be in February and approximately cost \$300.
- Library redesign is going to be amazing! The children will be so excited. The Board of Education has been very helpful with financing. The tree will not be taken down as it will be the focal point. Lots of books need organizing and the SUG has gone out. Library will still take place but in a classroom. Painting and carpeting will be done in early November and hoping to have an unveiling/ribbon cutting ceremony at the end of January.
- Young Author's Day—Jenna Bellish, Chair. Anything needed, please ask.
- Olympic Day—Chair is still needed, Christine Prinzivalli could chair? Need to look at schedule from 2 years ago.

**TEACHER LIAISON**—Mrs. Rzasa

- Trunk or Treat—large group of teachers decorating cars. Asked the PTO if we needed help. Food truck has not been finalized, which is the only piece missing. Another option would be to order pizza in advance as a backup?
- Buzz on Genesis for parent teacher conferences and school messenger about conferences.
- Anything that needs to be brought back to the staff.
- Expressed thanks for Bingo Night. Another one will take place in January. Its inexpensive, easy and turns a good profit.
- Dream It Fund it came out to \$300 per grade.

**PTO MEMBERSHIP & FUND DRIVE**—Membership drive is winding down. We surpassed our fundraising goals! Out of 180 families we had 116 join the PTO as well as 32 staff. All Home Room Moms have joined the PTO. Judy Kwak was the winner of the Stone House gift card. Total raised was \$9,100 with an additional \$600 through the Novartis matching program.

**ASSEMBLIES**—The children enjoyed the 2 anti-bullying assemblies. There was only a small group for the parents' assembly.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**—Will be held next Friday. Candy donations are still needed. Volunteers still needed for the bake sale.

**LIBRARY RENOVATIONS**—We have a good amount of volunteers to help.

**PICTURE RETAKES**—will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**OLYMPIC DAY**—is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairperson still needed.

**BLUE RIBBON FLAG FRAMING**—Very expensive to frame. Quotes are from \$800-\$1,000. Melissa Frega's brother-in-law maybe able to frame it.

**FUNDRAISING EFFORTS & SIMPLY GOURMET BAKE SALE**—Dana Marucci stated that both Family Fun Night and Bingo Night were very successful and expressed thanks for all the help. Trying to think of other ways to make it more successful. Mom's Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lynch Creek Farm Fundraiser will take place and 15% of sales will go back to the PTO. Clothing drive will take place the week of conferences in the first week of November. Communication with the new contact from the company that organizes the drive has been tough. AR Workshop for a woodworking craft. Information will go out next week. 20% percent of sales will go back to the school. Yankee game is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$80 for field level and \$70 for main level and includes food and drink. Flyers will go out next week. Simply Gourmet pies and cookies sale will start the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**THANK YOU S**—Thanks were extended to Danielle Rowell for her help managing the lost and found. Thank you to Dana Marucci for organizing Family Fun Night, and to Ana Risoli, Millie Ramirez & Jenna Bellish for volunteering at the event at the Stirling Hotel and to Paige Jasaitis, Denise DeCorso and Ashley Abines for organizing Bingo Night.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—The minutes from the September 18th PTO Meeting were submitted for approval by Tricia Patricco seconded by Paige Jasaitis and Lauren Wishnia, voted and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.