**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM by Dana Marucci.

**PTO PRESIDENT—DANA MARUCCI**

* Thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that we are all volunteers and we should treat each other with respect and kindness and model good behavior for our children.

**PRINCIPAL—MR. HEANEY**

* Stated how lucky we were to do so many events. The only event we couldn’t do was the volleyball game which is usually in November but that’s when we were in the height of COVID. It is back on the calendar for next year and we are really looking forward to it. Bingo nights were back and they were great. Field Day was a huge hit and we really lucked out with the weather. Some of the fifth graders said this was the best Field Day ever. It was a full day and there were so many people involved. The one thing that needs to be changed for next year is to get everyone a badge as there was some worry that we did not know who all the volunteers were.
* Stated that we have to focus in on how lucky we were that these fifth graders didn’t miss anything and we are in a good trend for that to continue for all the other kids coming through Woodland.
* Expressed thanks for everything and also stated that we already have a few planned assemblies for next year. We were able to do all the planned assemblies for this year and all the kids had a wonderful time. The kids loved the Brain Show and International Day was a huge hit. The kids and staff loved it and it was really a lot of fun. Next year, we will be doing Science Day which is another huge event. We will also be doing Olympic Day.
* Stated Kindergarten and 5th grade ceremonies are set for Monday at 10 AM & 1:30 PM.
* Mentioned that tomorrow will be the book buddies’ event at the end of the day. The kids will bring in a beach towel and a picture book and will be paired with their book buddy and will read and have an ice pop together. This will be outside, weather permitting. If not, they will be inside in different locations.
* Stated that the 5th grade kickball game will be next Thursday in the morning at 9:30 AM. If it rains, it won’t be canceled but it will be volleyball in the gym. Ice pops will be provided. Asked PTO members to come and help distribute.
* Stated that we will have the Fifth Grade Clap Out. Mrs. Leonard who is retiring will be leading it.
* Stated that we will have 3 sections for kindergarten, 3 sections for first grade, 2 sections for 2nd grade, sections for 3rd grade, 2 sections for 4th grade and 3 sections for 5th grade. This could change during the summer.
* Stated that our theme for the school year will be all around goal setting and self-assessment. We want kids to start thinking about how they set their own goals and how you self-assess goals.
* Stated that lunches for next year will be similar to the lunches that we had pre-COVID. There will be 4 days of a vendor that will supply the food and 1 day will be a pizza day. What is happening right now is that we have bids out to look for who is going to be the vendor. One of the feedback items that I suggested was to look for a vendor that is close to Warren because we want the food to be fresh. There will be paid lunch people and they will be the conduit to making sure that the volunteers will be available and they will also be the conduit to making sure the food arrives on time and work with the pizza vendor and making sure that is all squared away.
* Reminded everyone that Mrs. Leonard is retiring and the PTO will be present her with flowers and a small gift during graduation.

**PTO UPDATES—DANA MARUCCI**

* Stated that Cristina Tayal is taking on the board position that is being vacated by Tricia Patricco.
* Stated that we will be having an officer dedicated to the calendar of events and to the chairs of various committees and act as a liaison between the executive committee to make sure everyone is on target with their specific event. Expenditures will go through Melissa Frega (Treasurer) so she can keep track of the budget.
* Stated that we did increase the amount of money for each child for the class parties so that they can get some better crafts. It used to be $7 per child but it’s now $10 per child.
* Asked if Mr. Heaney could poll the teachers and see whether they want all their students to have planners. Many kids use them for just the first week and then don’t use them at all. PTO can definitely save money if the planners are not needed.
* Stated that in lieu of a Mom’s Night Out and a Dad’s Night Out we are thinking of doing a Parents Night Out since that will most likely get more people to attend.

**THANK YOUS—**

* Mrs. Leonard for all she has done for the Woodland Community.
* Mr. Heaney for his support throughout the school year.
* Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Francione for all their assistance throughout the year.
* Tree planting—Mr. Yenish for helping us find a tree and Anthony Patricco for delivery.
* Bingo Nights—Ashley Abines and Denise DeCorso.
* Teacher Appreciation—Paige Jasaitis, Anna Mohallim, Aideen Stoddard and all of the volunteers.
* International Day—Roula Ioannou, Christine Prinzivalli and all of the volunteers.
* Field Day—April Pearce, Aideen Stoddard, Mr. T and all of the volunteers.
* 5th Grade Event—Paige Jasaitis and Brooke Ditta and all the parents who attended.
* 5th Grade Yearbook—Andrea Fazio.
* Patriots Game—Brooke Ditta.
* Green Thumb—Aideen Stoddard and Celeste Baechtold.
* Fundraising—Ashley Abines.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* The minutes from the April 7th 2022 PTO meeting were submitted for approval by Sumitra Nicholson, approved by Melissa Frega and seconded by Dana Marucci.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.