**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 2:18 PM by Dana Marucci.

**PRINCIPAL—MR. HEANEY**

* Thanked the PTO for the holiday luncheon.
* Thanked the PTO for the Pathways to Rhythm assembly.
* Stated that Book Buddies was a big hit and the kids really enjoyed it.
* Stated that the Sweetheart Dance had an amazing turnout with around 300 people attending. One thing to think about is having a better system for the food line.
* Stated that tomorrow will be the dental assembly with Dr. Banasiak for grades K-2. He will raffle off free braces.
* Stated that there will be a mini golf event at Central School on February 22nd. Woodland students that are being rezoned to Central are invited to attend and we will continue to do so for future events.
* Stated that a new round of Watchung Hills Regional High School students will be coming in next week as part of their child development elective. Last semester we had 37 high school kids.
* Stated that Read Across America is on March 2nd.
* Stated that author and illustrator Peter Brown will be here on March 30th. All four elementary schools are having him visit.
* Stated that the Parents vs. Teachers Basketball Game will be on March 16th. We will need volunteers for crowd control and score keeping. Possibility of a food truck or selling pretzels and have a bake sale. Kelly Surbrug is the point person.
* Stated that the 4th and 5th grade musical will be on March 27th in the evening.
* Stated that Biztown will be on March 28th for 5th grade.
* Stated that Family Literacy Night will be on April 12th from 6pm-7pm for grades K-2. There will be guest readers and activities.
* Stated that there is a lot going on with the budget and encouraged everyone to attend the board meetings. There is a freeze on the budget and we need to be cognizant of what we purchase.
* Stated that the Talent Show will be on May 17th for grades 3-5.
* Stated that the Wizards game will be on May 16th.
* Stated that DARE started today for grades K & 2. Topics that were covered for grade 2 were stranger danger, making good choices, emergency (911) and bike safety. Topics for grade 5 were making smart choices, vaping and peer pressure.

**COURTYARD PROJECT PRESENTATION—FOURTH GRADE REACH TEAM**

* Stated that the courtyard in the center of Woodland is in desperate need of improvement and the team would like to beautify it.
* Asked for donations on the Signup Genius for supplies.
* Stated that together we can make the courtyard a beautiful environment for the Woodland family.

**PTO AGENDA ITEMS—DANA MARUCCI**

**Upcoming events through June**

* March 2nd—Read Across America Day
* March 16th—Parents v. Teachers Basketball Game
* March 30th—District Mom’s Night Out at Maggiano’s
* April 14th—Rescheduled Woodland Adult Social
* April 15th—Meadowbrook Family Fun Day
* April 21st—Science Day
* May 4th—Woodchucks Giving Back Charity Fun Run
* May 5th—Somerset Patriots Game
* May 16th—Harlem Wizards at the high school
* May 17th—Talent Show
* June 2nd—Field Day (Olympic theme)
* Stated that we want to implement coffee meet ups and a Cliento Happy Hour to give people the opportunity to get to know the PTO and to learn about how to get involved.
* Stated that the One Warren Committee is being implemented to promote a sense of inclusivity. Jen Kosta Klein will be the Woodland representative.
* Stated that we will be participating in the National School Lunch Program for the 2023-2024 school year.
* Stated that if anyone is interested in joining the Executive Board to please reach out.

**THANK YOUS—**To Grace Cua for organizing Bingo Night; April Pearce and Committee for organizing the Sweetheart Dance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* The minutes from the December 8, 2022 PTO meeting were submitted for approval by Sumitra Nicholson, approved by Melissa Frega and seconded by Dana Marucci.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.