**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY JUNE 1, 2023**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Mr. Heaney.

**PRINCIPAL—MR. HEANEY**

* Thanked everyone for a great year. It was hard getting back to normal and trying to re-establish ourselves. Next year will be easier since we have a year under our belt coming off all the chaos caused by COVID.
* Stated that we had some very good events this year. Science Day was a big hit and the kids absolutely loved it. The author that came in was a big hit. The Bingo Nights were well attended. The Basketball and Volleyball games were also well attended. We need to continue to do community-based events like these.
* Stated that we need to be cognizant of making events like these available to everybody regardless of their financial ability.
* Stated that the Family Literacy Night for grades K-2 was a big success. Mrs. Mironski who spear-headed the event wants to do more than once a year.
* Wished all the parents and kids who are moving to Central all the best. I am trying to stimulate interest for people to join the PTO. As you graduate out someone must take that baton and we must make sure we are promoting this to the new parents that are coming into Woodland. We cannot do things without the PTO.
* Stated that we will need people to help with the lunch program next year. Recommended having two people so they can cover each other.
* Stated that the National School Lunch Program goes out to bid. Companies come in and give us all the information about the school lunch program and we as a committee rank them on criteria that we have agreed on like price, taste, availability, and timing. Those bids are coming in next week and the committee will be voting on it.
* Stated that there is only 7 days of school left and we have a lot of events coming up. Field Day is tomorrow. It is going to be a hot day and reminded everyone to send their kids in with a change of clothes. Mr. T did add more water activities. Make sure the kids have sunscreen on before sending them to school. Hats and sunglasses are ok and encouraged. We are very lucky to have Mr. T since he has made this a full day of events.
* Stated that the 5th Grade event is on Tuesday.
* Stated that the 3rd graders will be having instrumental demos on Wednesday.
* Stated that the yearbook signing for 5th grade will be on Wednesday in the afternoon.
* Stated that the kickball game (5th grade vs. the teachers) will be on Thursday in the afternoon. The PTO will be providing ice pops.
* Stated that Battle of the Books between the 5th grade and teachers will be before the kickball game.
* Stated that June 9th is early dismissal at 1:20 PM.
* Stated that June 12th is early dismissal at 1:20 PM. Kindergarten ceremony is at 9:30 AM and the 5th grade ceremony is at 11:30 AM.
* Encouraged everyone to buy supplies for the next school year. The deadline is July 1st.
* Stated that lunches on the 9th and 12th will be in the gym since the APR will be set up for graduation.

**PTO AGENDA ITEMS—DANA MARUCCI**

* Stated that we raised around $3,700 from the Fun Run for the Raise Your Glass Foundation. Next year we will do another Fun Run in November because it is the season of giving back and we will pick a different charity. We will pick 3 different ones and rotate amongst the 3. (Mr. Heaney stated that it might not be a bad idea to think about a charity that impacts someone here at Woodland.) One possible charity is CHD (Congenital Heart Defect) Foundation. They are local and all the money goes to parents with kids getting surgeries at New York Presbyterian and CHOP.
* Stated that we are all set for Field Day. Requested everyone to bring hoses and sprinklers if they have any. Emails have gone out to all the volunteers with their station assignments and when to arrive.
* Stated that we are all set for the 5th grade event.
* Stated that we are all set for K and 5 graduations that will take place in the APR. Vanessa Carollo and Katie Lariviere are handling the decorations for the stage.
* Presented the PTO budget for the 2023-2024 school year that was approved by the executive committee.
* Stated next year’s Executive Board: Co Presidents-Dana Marucci & Stephanie Lindy, Treasurer-Brooke Ditta, Secretary and One Warren Representative-Jennifer Costa, Grade Level Representative Coordinator and Social Media & Technology-Denise DeCorso, Fundraising-Anna Mohallim, Community Outreach and Social Media & Technology-April Pearce, Community Outreach-Alycia Shah, Social Media & Technology-Nesteren Kirgezmis.

**THANK YOUS—**To Dana Marucci, Sumitra Nicholson and everyone who volunteered for Science Day, Anna Mohallim for organizing Teacher Appreciation Week, Denise DeCorso for spearheading the Art Show, Melissa Frega for getting everything needed for the snacks for the Wizards Game, and everyone who volunteered for the Fun Run. Special thank you to our exiting executive members moving to Central-Cristina Tayal, Grace Cua and Melissa Frega and Sumitra Nicholson who is graduating out of Woodland.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* The minutes from the April 17, 2023 PTO meeting were submitted for approval by Sumitra Nicholson, approved by Dana Marucci and seconded by April Pearce.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.