**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 17, 2023**

**PRINCIPAL—MR. HEANEY**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM by Mr. Heaney.

* Thanked the PTO for a great Bingo Night and stated he is always open-minded to new ideas for events.
* Stated that this week we will be starting our coin challenge. He is happy to see how the students are excited to give back. The Fun Run will be on Friday and it will take place indoors this year. Mr. T has a great day all planned out. The students will be wearing red to support the charity.
* Stated that the book fair was a success this year and the students were very excited to visit and purchase items. Also, stated that some schools do a second book fair in the spring and that it may be beneficial to us to raise more funds since our student enrollment decreased this year. Suggested that an online second book fair may be an option as well. Discussed possibly taking the cash option in the spring vs. scholastic dollars if we do another fair. Mrs. Mohallim will be exploring the option more in depth.
* Stated that the Halloween Parade information was sent out today. Parade will be on Halloween at 2:15PM.
* Talked about meeting with the Veterans Day committee. This year he wants to invite the veterans in for morning meeting. They would be working with the students in the homerooms where they can share their stories and it would be more intimate. Next year would be a big assembly.
* Asked PTO to reiterate to parents that they need to follow the food guidelines for the Halloween party. We have students with severe allergies and it is extremely important.
* Stated that parent/teacher conferences are coming up. There was a glitch in Genesis but sign up will be available tomorrow. If there is a specific time you need and it isn’t available reach out to your student’s teacher and they will work with you. Nov 6th – 8th are 1:20 dismissal and school is closed on the 9th and 10th.
* Stated that the volleyball game will be coming up at the end of November and we are in need of volunteers.
* Talked about the Ambassador program. Mrs. McWilliams is helping him to head the program. Wants to empower students to be leaders and to be kind to others. Decided to take all the 5th Graders to help pilot the program and took 4 Fourth Graders to get them in training.
* Stated that field trips are back on this year. Each school is in charge of a grade. Woodland is in charge of 3rd and we are looking at the Planetarium, K is going to Wightman Farms, 1ST grade something in town, 4th Graders are going on a bus tour of Warren hosted by the 8th Graders. 5th Grade will be going to Biz Town.

**UPCOMING EVENTS—April Pearce**

* Trunk or Treat—in 2 weeks. We need more candy. Pizza will be available to preorder. There will be no food trucks this year and very limited pizza to buy at the event.
* Suggestion was made to have cars parked around the perimeter this year to help keep everyone more contained.

**UPCOMING EVENTS—Kerryanne Hollis**

* Halloween Parties – Food drop off to the nurse is between 10 and 11 day of or day before. Ingredients must be included.
* Kids should come to school in costume.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**—Dana Marucci

* Fun Run – Giving out ice pops

**FUNDRAISING EFFORTS—Anna Mohallim**

* Bingo (discussed moving to another night other than Thursday in the future)
* Buffalo Wild Wings (orders placed for teachers)
* Mums
* Panera (orders placed for teachers Nov 6th)
* Lynch Creek Farms will be set up soon
* Yoga

**PTO Membership—Jennifer Costa**

* 51% families joined

**SPIRITWEAR—APRIL PEARCE on behalf of MELISSA KARDOS**

* Bringing old spiritwear to events to try and sell.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* The minutes from the September 12, 2023 PTO meeting were submitted for approval by Brooke Ditta, approved by Dana Marucci and seconded by Kerryanne Hollis.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.