**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Dana Marucci.

**MS. STOYANOV— SCIENCE FAIR**

* Stated that this year the students in Grades 3-5 will be able to participate in the science fair.
* Stated that there will be decorations and certificates if parents want to sign up and help decorate, setup and cleanup.
* Stated that the Science Fair will be held March 22nd in the afternoon.
* Stated students can work independently or in groups no larger than 3. Groups can be mixed amongst classes and grades.
* Stated that all work needs to be done at home. Students can do it from an engineering frame of mind or a scientific way.
* Mentioned that they gave students ideas and examples and that students can use tri-folds to display their projects. They can make a video of what they are doing at home and show it at the fair.
* Mr. Heaney stated that they are trying to get students actively participating and presenting. It is a good skill to be able to get up in front of a crowd and speaking.

**Mr. HEANEY— PRINCIPAL**

* Thanked Mr. Yenish our liaison for being here and for pushing PTO events such as food ordering. Mentioned that he sends out a link and he prints out the spreadsheet. Ordering has been going very smoothly.
* Thanked the PTO for the holiday luncheon.
* Thanked PTO for all the assemblies.
* Thanked Mrs. Shah for the Sweetheart Dance and stated that it was a lot of fun.
* Stated that the Vocal Music Concert will be coming up in March. Parent volunteers will handle decorations.
* Thanked PTO for providing the hot cocoa for Book Buddies.
* Stated that kids love Book Buddies and they had to extend it 20 minutes last time. There will be another one coming up on Read Across America Day.
* Immigration Project for third graders is coming up this Friday.
* Next week will be practicing bus evacuation.
* Stated that March 1st is Read Across America day if you want to start planning what storybook character your child may want to dress up as.
* Stated that March 14th is the Parent vs. Teacher Basketball game. Asked for PTO to send out the parent volunteer form.
* Stated that Mrs. McGrath is working on Young Author’s Day.
* Suggested on behalf of Mrs. McGrath that going forward we have one author visit every year and have science/international day every other year – eliminating Young Author’s Day.
	+ Stated that we can focus on that one author and keep costs down - some authors cost as much as $4,000 for a visit.
* BizTown is in April
* Mentioned that the 2nd Grade field trip was just approved to the Turtle Back Zoo.

**PTO AGENDA ITEMS—DANA MARUCCI**

**Upcoming events**

* Feb 29th—District Mom’s Night Out
* Young Author’s Day – Email will be coming out with option to purchase signed books
* May 9th - International Day – Need more volunteers
* April 12th—Parents Night Out – Need More Volunteers
* Feb 23rd—Panera Fundraiser
* Feb 26th – March 10th—Vintage Tavern Fundraiser

**THANK YOUS—**To Alycia Shah and Jen Costa for the Sweetheart Dance and Mr. Yenish for being the liason.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* The minutes from the December 8, 2023 PTO meeting were submitted for approval by Brooke Ditta, approved by Dana Marucci and seconded by April Pearce.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM.