**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING**

**FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2024**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM by Mr. Heaney

**PRINCIPAL—MR. HEANEY**

* Stated that the PTO put together a lot of assemblies so far such as the Brain Show and Marionettes. They were a huge hit and that we should consider doing again next year and even at night.
* Thanked PTO for Young Author’s Day. Stated that it was a huge success along with Read Across America Day.
* Stated that there is only 36 days left of school.
* Stated that we have a lot of events coming up with the short amount of days left.
* Stated we have the 5th Grade annual tree planting this coming Friday. Explained that the tree represents the growth the students have made at Woodland. If you give it good care and all the things it needs to be successful that’s what we hope the students take from Woodland.
* Stated that on the 23rd the 4th Graders will be having their class trip, which is the tour of Warren run by the 8th Graders.
* Stated that the also on the 23rd the 5th Graders will be going to the Middle School to hear about foreign language options as well as instrumental and vocal music they can take.
* Stated that on Wednesday the 24th is Bingo Night. Ambassadors will be calling numbers. Discussed sending an RSVP to get a better idea of how many people are coming as well as not having pizza.
* Stated on Wednesday the 24th the 5th Graders will be going to Biz Town.
* Stated that Thursday, the 25th is Take Your Child to Work Day. This is an excused absence.
* Discussed absences in general and how they are up across the board.
* Stated that our next Spirit day is Decades Day.
* Stated that next Friday we will be doing a sample test of the NJSLA for students in Grades 3-5. This is will be a good way to give the students an ideas of what the test will be like and to help reduce anxiety.
* Stated that on April 30th just the 5th Graders will be taking the science portion of the NJSLA it is 4 days and 45 minutes each day.
* Stated that coming in May is Teacher Appreciation week.
* Stated that on May 9th is International Day.
* Stated that May 13th the 2nd Graders are going to the Turtle Back Zoo.
* Stated that May 16th is NJSLA. First 2 days are Language Arts and the last 3 are Math. They last about an hour.
* Stated that May 16th is Art Show.
* Stated that May 17th is 1st Grade field trip to the police station and library.
* Stated that May 22nd is the 4th and 5th grade band concert at ALT.
* Stated that May 23rd is the Talent Show in the APR at 6:30 with 16 acts.
* Stated that May 24th is a half-day and our day of play.
* Stated that May 29th and May 30th students in K and 3rd will have the child abuse prevention program coming in to discuss abuse, which is required, by the county. A letter will be going home about this.
* Stated that May 30th is the 3rd Grade recorder concert during the day.
* Stated that 2nd and 5th Graders have DARE going on.
* Stated that Field Day is June 5th with rain date of the 7th. BBQ lunch will be served that day. If we have to use the rain date we will have to go back to pizza.
* Stated that we need to have a uniform front across all schools about what foods are allowed and not allowed to be used in school events and parties.
* Stated that June 10th is the K and 5th grade ceremonies at 9:30 and 2.
* Stated the 5th Grade Clap Out will be the last day, which is the 12th.
* Stated that everything as of a now it is a go for air condition to be installed in the gym over the summer.
* Stated that K Orientation will be May 31st at 9:30.

**PTO AGENDA ITEMS—DANA MARUCCI**

* Reminded everyone that Bingo is Wednesday the 24th.
* Stated that we need more volunteers for International Day to stamp and for Sweden.
* Stated that Teacher Appreciation week is coming up. Anna mentioned that we are doing international food theme if anyone can donate.
* Stated that Somerset Patriot tickets are on sale.

**THANK YOUS—**To Anna for setting and running the Spring Book Fair. To Stephanie for the Adult Social. To Bindi for Young Author’s Day.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* The minutes from the February 20, 2024 PTO meeting were submitted for approval by Brooke Ditta, approved by April Pearce and seconded by Kerry Hollis.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.