

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND SCHOOL PTO MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2016**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Danielle Scala.

**Welcome** (Danielle Scala)

**TEACHER LIAISON** (Anita Brower)

Mrs. Brower thanked the PTO for the staff holiday luncheon and sponsoring Movie Night and noted the staff is looking forward to the March 2016 basketball game.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** (Mr. Heaney)

Mr. Heaney:

- Thanked the PTO for the holiday luncheon, movie night, and Dream It-Fund It assemblies and the opportunities provided by the PTO for staff and students to spend time together.
- Reviewed the results of the 2015 PARCC testing, including Woodland students' performance relative to Warren schools, New Jersey statewide results and the other states participating in PARCC consortium. He also provided the April 2016 testing schedule.
- Reviewed recent Woodland activities, including the Day of the Dead celebration, after school clubs, science experiments, expansion of the Tree of Good Character and the Third Grade Musical.
- Announced upcoming Woodland events for January and February 2016, including the Geography Bee, Character Education lessons, the end of the Fourth and Fifth grade marking periods, the Second Grade musical performance, DARE lessons and the opening of Kindergarten registration for 2016-2017.
- Announced that a make-up day would be scheduled due to the early dismissal resulting from the power surge on December 10. The make-up day would be announced as soon as a decision is made.
- Provided a brief update on the STEEP Study.
- Announced that: there would be a Meet and Greet to introduce the new Superintendent on January 19; Mrs. Ronkiewicz had a baby girl; and Mr. Bayachek would be on Family Leave from February through May 2016

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT** (Danielle Scala/Melissa Pecoraro-Segerson)

The event is February 26, 2016 at the Primavera with entertainment provided by the Nerds. Tickets are still available for purchase and may be purchased online through the PTO website. There will be a silent auction with lifetime experience opportunities. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. There will be further communication through the Homeroom moms and PTO website.

**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS** (Tanya McAusland)

The Bricks4Kidz and On the Court Basketball after school programs are being offered again. New sessions begin in January.

**UPCOMING EVENTS (Danielle Scala)**

- Woodland Staff-Parent Basketball Game is March 16, 2016.
- Young Author's Day is May 6, 2016. The original budget of \$2500 had been previously supplemented with an additional \$1000. The membership approved allocating \$800 raised at Movie Night to Young Author's Day programming.
- Olympics Day is May 26, 2016 and is chaired by Karen Madura. The day will combine sports and an international theme related to the 2016 Olympics. More information will be communicated as it becomes available.
- Fifth Grade Event is June 1, 2016 (rain date June 8, 2016) and will be held at Camp Harmony. Woodland is the lead school this year.
- Patriots Game with Warren Schools is June 17, 2016. The Gold Band will perform and there will be fireworks. Andrea Olivapotenza is chair.
- Girls on the Run (GOTR): Laura Kerr has offered to chair GOTR in the spring. Additional volunteers are needed to assist with the program.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 MINUTES (Danielle Scala)**

On a motion by Karen Madura and seconded by Lauren Wishnia, the membership approved the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Woodland PTO Meeting (with one correction to the Trunk or Treat item).

**EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION (Danielle Scala)**

Danielle Scala thanked: (1) everyone who helped with and attended Movie Night on January 8 and noted that the PTO raised \$800 from the event; (2) Carolyn Sena and Joanne Dufek for organizing the Staff Holiday Luncheon in December; and (3) Rosa Krause and Rosa Scali for organizing Mom's Night Out.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.