

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND SCHOOL PTO MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Danielle Scala.

Welcome (Danielle Scala)

FIFTH GRADE REACH, TOO! PRESENTATION (Danielle Scala/Lexi Jacobson and Lara Martin)

Fifth Grade students Lexi Jacobson and Lara Martin provided a presentation on the upcoming "Woodland's Got Talent" show being organized by the Fifth Grade Reach, Too! students. The talent show will be April 15 at 6:00 PM with a \$2 admission fee. Volunteers are needed. Proceeds will benefit the Woodland PTO. There will be live performances, a non-performance showcase, a table set up by the Service Club and food will be available. Danielle Scala thanked the Fifth Grade Reach, Too! students for organizing the event and indicated that the PTO would seek input from the Fifth Grade students on the use of the proceeds donated to the PTO.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Mr. Heaney)

Mr. Heaney:

- Thanked the PTO for sponsoring Parents Night Out (PNO).
- Indicated that preparations are underway, and are being incorporated into the curriculum, for the April 2016 PARCC testing, including infrastructure testing prior to spring break.
- Announced upcoming events: Harlem Wizards Assembly on March 8, in advance of the charity benefit game on April 5 at Watchung Hills Regional High School; the Dragon King puppet show schoolwide assembly on March 16; the Parent Teacher basketball game on March 16; the close of the Grades K-3 marking period on March 17; the Fourth Grade Musical on March 22 at 7:30 PM; Spring break (March 25 through April 4); and the Art Show on April 20.
- Advised that initial preparations and scheduling is under way for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Announced that Woodland students will be providing a brief presentation on Invention Convention at the April 4 Board of Education meeting at Woodland School.

TEACHER LIAISON (Christine Rzasa)

Mrs. Rzasa thanked the PTO for Parents Night Out and said staff is looking forward to the Parent-Teacher basketball game on March 16.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT (PNO) (Danielle Scala)

Danielle Scala thanked Melissa Pecoraro-Segerson, Tanya McAusland and Lori McDonald for organizing Parents Night Out February 26, 2016 at the Primavera with entertainment provided by the Nerds. The event was fun and supported by parents from other schools in Warren and Watchung. The final amount of the proceeds is being calculated and will be communicated when it is available.

STEEP UPDATE (Danielle Scala)

The STEEP Study is continuing. Committees are reviewing the impact on various issues, such as facilities, transportation and costs. A decision is expected by the Board of Education in

June 2016. Public comment will be invited at the April 4, 2016 Board of Education meeting, which will be held at Woodland. Parents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

WOODLAND STAFF-PARENT BASKETBALL GAME (Danielle Scala)

The game is March 16, 2016 with a 6:30 PM start time and a \$2 admission fee. Judy Shanahan is coordinating for the parents. There will be a food truck and pretzels. The service club will also have a table at the event. There will be additional communication through the PTO website and the Homeroom Moms as needed.

YOUNG AUTHORS DAY (Patti Puglisi)

Young Authors Day is May 6 and is chaired by Patti Puglisi and Judy Shanahan. Corey Rosen Schwartz of Warren will be the guest author for Grades K-2. Tommy Greenwald will be the guest author for Grades 3-5. There will also be a Writer's Workshop for Grades 4 and 5. As the schedule is developed, volunteers will be needed to help with various activities. More information will be communicated as it becomes available.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS (Danielle Scala)

- Girls on the Run (GOTR): Laura Kerr and Yee Jao are chairing GOTR. The program is open to girls in Grades 3-5 and will be Tuesdays and Fridays after school and will begin after spring break. Sign-ups will be through the PTO website.
- Art Show: The art show is April 20. Volunteers are needed to help with putting up the art. Additional information will be communicated as it becomes available.
- Olympics Day is May 26 and Karen Madura is chair. The program is being developed and will include themes related to the Rio Olympics. Volunteers will be needed and additional information will be communicated as it becomes available.
- Field Day is June 3. Mr. Bayachek will return from family leave prior to Field Day. Volunteers will be needed and additional information will be communicated as it becomes available.
- Camp Riverbend: Woodland Day at Camp Riverbend is June 4 (3:00 PM to 5:00 PM) with a cost of \$5 per person. The event will be similar to last year.
- Patriots Game with Warren Schools is June 17, 2016. The Gold Band will perform and there will be fireworks. Additional information will be communicated as it becomes available.

2016-2017 PTO BUDGET (Danielle Scala)

Work on developing the budget for 2016-2017 will be begin in the next few weeks.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016 MINUTES (Danielle Scala)

On a motion by Joanne Dufek and seconded by Carolyn Sena, the membership approved the minutes of the February 17, 2016 Woodland PTO Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM.