

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM by Danielle Scala.

Welcome (Danielle Scala)

TEACHER LIAISONS (Danielle Scala/Christine Rzasa)

Mrs. Rzasa thanked the PTO for Trunk or Treat and the Abe Lincoln Assembly, which she said was excellent and well received by the students. She also said that the Second Grade was using its Dream It-Fund It funds to use the CISCO technology to make butterfly marionettes

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Mr. Heaney)

Mr. Heaney:

- Thanked the PTO for Trunk or Treat and the beautification of the school and garden.
- Provided an update on the schoolwide theme of leadership, including: the election and the vote on the four causes (the environment, education, hunger and kindness). He reported that hunger received the greatest number of votes and said the Student Leadership Association prepared posters promoting the four causes. He also said that the Student Leadership Association and Service Club will put together a plan to support local organizations providing food to those in need. In continuing to promote the theme of leadership and involvement, he announced that students will vote on the theme and book for the schoolwide summer reading selection.
- Provided an update on his monthly newsletter.
- Provided an update on technology, including the use of CISCO technology and changes in teaching techniques and strategies and the physical environment and classroom footprint that will come about as a result of technological advancements. He showed a short video on video collaboration technology demonstrating the use of CISCO technology at Woodland and provided some examples, such as the Fifth Grade connecting with a Virginia educator to learn about the Constitution and Kindergarten connecting with a school in Pennsylvania.
- Reviewed important dates: American Education Week visits are November 15 and 17 with a presentation by Mrs. Krumm and Mrs. Piller; 4th and 5th Grade report cards will be released on November 22; the Third Grade Musical is December 6; and PARCC testing is May 2017.

FUNDRAISING (Danielle Scala)

- The PTO Fund Drive closed on October 7, 2016 and raised \$5000.
- First Day School Supplies earned \$565.
- Simply Gourmet is making available the purchase of Thanksgiving baked goods as a fundraiser for the PTO. The ordering deadline is November 16 and the baked goods will be available for pick up on November 22.

DIRECTORY (Danielle Scala)

The directory was distributed in October.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Danielle Scala)

- Chairs and/or volunteers are still needed for Parents Night Out, Teacher Appreciation Week, Science Day and Board of Education representative.
- The Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) (formerly SEPTO) is looking for volunteers to assist with their efforts and activities.

PTO SPONSORED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (Danielle Scala/Tanya McAusland)

The Fall On the Court X-Perience basketball clinic was very successful. Another session will begin in January 2017. Additional information is available on the PTO website.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Danielle Scala)

- Mom's Night Out is November 30 at 7:00 PM at Saly G's. The cost is \$37 and includes dinner and two drinks. RSVP by November 21.
- Family Fun Night will be Bingo Night on January 6, 2017.
- Information on upcoming events may be found on the PTO website.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU (Danielle Scala)

Appreciation and acknowledgement were given to:

- Rosa Krause and all the Trunk or Treat volunteers for a very fun and successful event.
- Green Thumb Committee, chaired by Danielle Rowell and Abby Alvez, for their efforts in beautifying the school grounds.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 MINUTES (Danielle Scala)

On a motion by Tanya McAusland and seconded by Lauren Wishnia, the membership approved the minutes of the September 21, 2016 Woodland PTO Meeting.

Danielle Scala announced that PTO meetings would be bimonthly and the next meeting would be in January 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.