

**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING
FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2019**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Lauren Wishnia.

Teacher Liaison

- Mrs. Rzasas extend thank you's for a great year and our support, for Teacher Appreciation week noting everything offered was wonderful and appreciated and the staff is looking forward to next year.

Ms. Pranzo

- Extended her appreciation for the great programs sponsored by the PTO

Mr. Heaney

- Also gave thanks for the Teacher Appreciation week activities. Staff appreciates all the raffles, lunch & breakfast etc.
- Noted that living Blue Ribbon status is a partnership of students, teachers & parents
- International Day was a big success – kids were very engaged
- NJSLA testing is completed. Will be during the third week in May next year.
- 5th Grade Capstone project is going on now. Kids work in groups on solutions for problems in the world. They research and present without help from teachers and parents. Then present to a panel of adults from our community (mayor etc.) at the end of the year.
- Mrs. Stambaugh is retiring at the end of this school year. New nurse has been hired; Mrs. Tatiana Neri and will start on 9/1 – she was previously in North Plainfield school system.
- 5th Grade trip to Biztown was a success. Kids were assigned jobs and learned about managing their paychecks, learned about taxes, paying employees etc.
- Somerset Patriots Baseball - Warren Township Schools night is tonight.
- 5th Grade Event will be on June 11th at Camp Riverbend. Woodland will be hosting this event next year for the District.
- Field Day is next Friday June 14th
- Mr. Bayachek will be moving up to the Middle School next year. Along with Mr. Reck, we will have Mr. Tsihlias who goes by “Mr. T” joining us at Woodland. Mr. T has lots of ideas for Family Fun nights, a full day Field Day etc.
- Donuts for Dads for Kindergarten families will be next Friday June 14th
- 5th Grade Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday June 17th
- Kindergarten moving up ceremony on Monday June 17th
- 5th Grade moving up ceremony on Tuesday June 18th
- June 20th will be the Kickball game – ice pops served. Volunteers welcome.
- June 21st at 1pm will be the 5th grade Clap Out.
- Mrs. Brown will be retiring at the end of this year. Ms. Lenci-Coppola will take over her role.
- Miss. Trainor and Miss. Nizri will be teaching 3rd grade for next year.
- For next year 2nd grade will have 3 sections. All others will have 2 sections for now.
- Next Year's theme will be the “Growth Mindset” All about perseverance, an “I can” mentality, overcoming challenges.

Lauren Wishnia

- Thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard to make both International Day and Teacher Appreciation week a success!
- Our Membership Drive for next year is active via PayPal now! This will give you access to our new Digital Directory as soon as it's available in late August/Early September. Suggested donation has increased to \$50 per child. \$125 donation will get you in the drawing for a Stone House Gift Card.
- PTO's Sign Up Genius for next year is also active now. Find the link on the PTO website www.WoodlandPTO.com Volunteers are still needed for a number of activities. Chairs are especially needed for the Book Fair, Young Authors Day and Olympics Day.
- Art Show Tuesday June 11th – volunteers still needed for the 5-6pm timeslot.
- First Day school supply boxes are on sale through the end of June and are a great timesaver for getting your child's school supplies.
- 5th Grade event is Monday June 9th with a rain date of Wednesday June 11th.
- Field Day is Friday June 14th – Rain or Shine.
- Somerset Patriots Baseball – Warren Township Schools - game is tonight.
- 2019-2020 PTO Budget – copies distributed. Highlights as follows;
 - Membership fees increased
 - Parents Night Out added for February
 - Cultural Arts + Character Week budgets combined
 - Dream it Fund it reduced as not used very often
- Motion to accept the new budget – Paige Jasaitis, 2nd by Kim Kardos. Voted and approved.

Changes to PTO Executive Board for 2019-2020 School Year

- Creation of Immediate Past-President position – Lauren Wishnia *Motion by Tricia Patricco, second by Paige Jasaitis*
- Tricia Patricco moves to President. *Motion by Paige Jasaitis second by Kim Kardos*
- Dana Marucci moves to Vice-President. *Motion by Tricia Patricco, second by Sumitra Nicholson*
- Sumitra Nicholson moves to Secretary. *Motion by Kim Kardos, second by Paige Jasaitis*
- Paige Jasaitis moves to Officer *Motion by Tricia Patricco second by Kim Kardos*

All Motions approved.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

- Paige Jasaitis made motion to accept the minutes. Kim Kardos seconded, so moved.

Thank you for a great year!

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.