

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL WOODLAND PTO MEETING

FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2020

The PTO meeting via Google Hangouts was called to order at 3:30 PM by Tricia Patricco

MR. HEANEY—

- So tough to put into words how hard our new normal has become. Human connection is so wonderful and I couldn't be prouder to be a part of this community. Our teachers want to do more and not less. We are working on logistics on how to get this to happen. Synchronous learning is not as easy as you think. Teachers are continuing to meet with students and hold office hours. The administrative team is meeting three times a week to plan future steps as there a lot of things to think about. The team will be breaking into groups to figure out events on Monday at 8:30 am. We are all sad for our kids, especially the 5th, 8th and 12th graders, but our health and safety are the most important things. There is no way our 5th graders are walking away without interaction. We will continue with our growth mindset theme and we are going to stay strong and do whatever we can when we can to celebrate our kids.
- COVID taskforce has stated that there is no way we will be putting kids back in a school setting without making sure that they will be healthy. 31 of 50 states have canceled school till the end of the year.
- District-wide virtual field day will be held in May.
- Next week will be virtual spirit week.
- Please keep sending pictures of your kids. Envision doing some sort of celebration with everyone with a DJ and slide show of these pictures when we return to school.

TRICIA PATRICCO—

- Appreciate everything that the teachers are doing.
- 1st Day School Supplies online shopping is live, will post via Facebook and send out an eblast for the HRMs to email to their classes.
- Outstanding reimbursements are to be filled out on the online form and submitted to Payal.
- Call for Volunteers 2020-2021 Sign Up Genius will go out in May.
- Ice cream and food that is in the freezer/fridge needs to either be donated or thrown out? We can coordinate with Mr. Joe to pick up and donate. We can post on the Warren Township Community Forum and ask where we can donate.

MELISSA SEGERSON & DANIELLE ROWELL—

- The 5th grade is very sad to miss their special year end events.

- A WhatsApp group has been started and we are trying to do a 5th grade concert via zoom.
- Drive-through clap out using the high school parking lot either at the end of the year or possibly the 1st day of school?
- Year-book signing.
- Thank you to Mr. Heaney for being so supportive.

TEACHER LIAISONS (MRS. RZASA & MRS. LEONARD)—

- Getting into the groove with online meetings. Thank you for all your efforts and we are sorry to miss out on future events.

LOST EVENTS—

- 3/19-Parent-Teacher Basketball Game
- 4/26-Yankee Baseball Game (working on getting answers from MLB Yankees for refunds).
- 4/29-Talent Show
- 5/1-Olympics Day
- 6/5-Field Day

UPCOMING EVENTS—

- Teacher Appreciation Week (week of 5/4)-PTO will create videos of students giving thanks for each classroom teacher and one full video for the entire staff. Amazon gift cards will be given to all teachers & staff. Need to figure out how best to distribute the gift cards.
- May & June-school supply box fundraiser and Spring spiritwear sale (Sept. delivery)

THANK YOU—Thank yous were extended to Melissa Segerson and family for hosting a wonderful Sweetheart Dance. Dana Marucci for the Panera Bread Dining Fundraiser. Jenna Bellish and her committee for Young Author’s Day. Thank you for Read Across America Day, the kids really enjoyed it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—The minutes from the February 7th PTO Meeting were submitted for approval by Tricia Patricco, motion to approve by Lauren Wishnia and seconded by Sumitra Nicholson, voted and approved. Last PTO meeting of the school year will be held virtually via Google Hangouts on Thursday June 11 at 3PM.