

Woodland Home & School Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:15 am

In Attendance:

Elizabeth Drummond	Susan Washburn	Tommy Lynn Avelar	Katie Shireman
Altaira Heiser	Mary Fitzgerald	Deb Euker	Michelle Petko
Nichole Rittenhouse	Elizabeth Shen-Guy	Rachael Packer	Laurie O’Niell
Loren Seamans	Betty Nascimento	Erica Sabinske	Brenda Hackett
Nancy Care	Kathleen Bacon	Julie Novia	Amy Ray
Valerie Lozinak	Gina Stover		

1. Sign in and Welcome Introductions: Liz Drummond , Welcome to Audubon parents in attendance tonight!!
2. Old Business: No business to report.
3. Recording Secretary’s Report: Minutes approved
4. President’s Report: Elizabeth Drummond; The Methacton School district redistricting committee has finalized the new elementary school boundary lines and subsequent transition activities and transition processes are forthcoming. Welcoming activities for students and families affected by the redistricting will take place in our elementary schools throughout the coming spring and summer. Families are receiving frequent updates from the district about the redistricting process, school closure and transition activities.
5. Vice Presidents’ Report: Michelle Petko and Sue Washburn; No business to report.
6. Treasurer’s Report: Altaira Heiser; Mini grant reimbursements have gone out; Bingo Night was very successful raising \$831.00, Woodlands portion of the Laser Light show ticket sales was received for the amount of \$105.00, Yearbook sales are ongoing.
7. Secretary’s Report: Tommy Avelar and Mary Fitzgerald; No business to report.
8. School Board Representative Report: Brenda Hackett; Next year’s budget will be approved by June 30th. All union contracts for the district are being renegotiated for next

year. The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit will handle transportation for the district next year. Elementary school transition team is working to implement a smooth closure and redistricting of students.

9. Principal's Report: Deb Euker, There will be no school on for elementary school students on May 30th, this day will be used for extra administrative time needed due to the school closure. We are in the midst of PSSAs; the students are well prepared and are doing great, staying focused and working hard. We have been meeting with students to discuss appropriate behavior as 'Spring Fever' hits the school. Transition activities are being planned for end of the school year at Woodland and suggestions from parents on how to ease their students through this time are greatly welcomed.
10. Teacher's Report: None in attendance.
11. Active Committee Reports:
  - b) 4th Social: Preparation is on schedule; Venue, DJ, Kona Ice, a school nurse and bus transportation are all finalized.
  - c) Art Goes to School: Monday May 8th. This event has already been billed and paid.
  - d) Art Festival: Betty Nascimento, This event in conjunction with the Spring Book Fair was very well received. Book sales were way up and we should continue these joined events going forward.
  - f) Building Beautification: Deb Euker has ideas for this committee that will be coming soon.
  - g) Cafeteria Volunteers: Tommy Avelar, A second volunteer slot has been added for each day giving more opportunity to parents who like to volunteer at lunchtime.
  - i) Community Service: Tommy Avelar and Liz Drummond, upcoming events, This year's raffle sold many tickets and had a few new prizes along with old favorites.
  - k) Family Game Night: Was so much fun and very successful! Thanks to Brynna VanBlargan for her help as bingo caller and Erin Gamble for donations.
  - l) Father/Daughter Event: Plans are under way for 4/28/17. This year's theme is "Country Fair" complete with games, square dancing and craft table.
  - m) Fun Day: Plans are underway. Betty's Bouncers has been contracted again this year. New this year, there will be no water balloon activities. Mary FitzGerald has volunteered to chair FunDay next year

- i. Game Subcommittee is open for volunteers.
  - ii. A Homeroom Captain Liaison is needed.
  - iii. Raffle Prize donations are needed.
- n) Fundraising
- i. Boxtops: Heather Gulsby-Steiner, MacKay's class one the last round. This is Heather's last year, Angela Steele has volunteered to serve in this role next year.
  - iv. No-Effort Fundraising: Sue Washburn
  - v. Dining Out: No plans at this time
- r) MCC Rep. Report: Liz Drummond, The H&S nomination process will be discussed and new processes will be adopted as determined necessary. Special Education Alliance, next meeting will be held on May 2nd the HS library at 7pm

School Transition update; communications with Methacton families in the form of weekly newsletters will keep parents informed and up to date with important transition activities. School principals and counselors will be visiting schools to meet with students that will be transitioning to their school next year. Principal assignments will be released in early May. Evening open houses will take place at the schools and will be led in part by students. Counselor and staff positions will be released in late May. Paper letters informing families of their school placement will go home in mid May. Pen Pal Post Cards will be filled out by students during cafeteria time and delivered to transitioning students in early June. Virtual tours of each school will be available online, these tours will be guided by staff and students and will be fun for students to see their new school visually. Class letters will go home early this year on August 14th. All grade orientation and meet and greet will be held on August 31st from 1:00-4:00 PM, this event will include a building scavenger hunt for kids to get to know their new school building. Back to school nights will be held in the first week back to school. Bus schedules will go home in mid August. Goodbye events are being planned at each school. Summertime 'Popsicles on the Playground' events will be held at each school over the summer as a way for kids to meet new friends that they will be in school with in the Fall. A 'Kid Question' forum will be available on the website designed just for students to ask and have answered their own questions about the transition process and their new school.

- ee) Year book: Julie Novia and Beth Pfeifer, Year books are available to order online, the deadline is April 10th.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00pm in the library.

Please join us, we hope to see you there!