

Woodland Home & School
Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2014
9:15 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Elizabeth Drummond
Heather Gulsby-Steiner

Brenda Hackett
Sarah Spletzer

Zanthia Reddish

1. Sign in and Welcome Introductions
2. Old Business: Christine Steere and Sarah Spletzer

Nothing to report.

3. Recording Secretary's Report: Sarah Spletzer

Nothing to report.

4. President's Report: Christine Steere

Handled by co-vice president in her report, below.

5. Co-Vice Presidents' Reports: Gabby Winters and Heather Gulsby-Steiner

Heather Gulsby-Steiner reported:

Heather is working on planners for next year. We voted Monday night that we are all staying H&S rather than changing over to PTAs. Dr. Zerbe will work with the board to have District Council as a 501c3 and the head of all H&Ss – each H&S will be a chapter under District Council and will use District Council's 501c3 number.

6. Treasurer's Report: Liz Drummond

Liz Drummond reported:

Woodland's donation to Post Prom was sent. Liz brought our attention to her budget handout for a snapshot of what the remaining budget items are going to be. The third page showed fundraising, comparing this year to last year to see that we're on track with fundraising efforts. Liz is asking about donating \$50 for the Suzanne Hoy memorial fund – she will write out an appropriate card and check for this. Also regarding Cindy Rhoads, her father passed away on February 5, and the funeral was yesterday. Liz will determine whether there is a fund accepting donations, or we will send a card and flowers.

She asked about where to send bus driver appreciation fund money. She also brought up the movie license and the possibility of having movie night fundraisers from time to time.

7. Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Currently without a corresponding secretary. No report given.

8. Principal's Report: Zanthia Reddish

Dr. Reddish reported:

We have kindergarten registration and screening on March 10 and 11. Families can call in for their appointment times next week. We use the screening data for Jump Start and to balance classes.

The Pennsylvania Department Of Education has extended the PSSA window by 1 week. So, for the district, elementary K-4 will be pushed back to 3/24 – 3/28. We are looking to do one test a day with exception of that Thursday we'll have 2 tests.

We had an assembly scheduled for March 28. The company will reschedule to June 5. Fun Day will now be June 12, rain date June 13. She will follow up with Gene. She was looking to see what else we could do – we could do a movie day for 3rd and 4th grade – just as a treat.

The Science Fair is tonight, and will take place weather permitting. If weather interferes, it will be moved to February 18.

Report cards came home with a letter explaining that conferences are now on a regular school day, and parents will need to coordinate a time with their teacher.

Regarding staffing changes, some staff members are pregnant. Megan Johnson will be out and Rick Joers will be in for her. Mrs. Mackay will be going out on pregnancy leave as well, but further out in the school year.

They are trying to clear the blacktop of the snow so the kids can get back outside for recess. Valentine's Day parties this year are for kindergarten only, but if we don't have school tomorrow, parties won't be rescheduled. Kids can exchange Valentines on Tuesday when they come back – probably during indoor recess.

Read across America will be March 3.

9. Teacher's Report:

The next turn in date for grants is in March. We do not have a copy of the grants to look at and consider. We discussed considering putting them on hiatus. Brenda Hackett expressed that she thinks we can finish the school year doing the grants.

Mrs. Ehmer reported:

There is nothing much from teachers. The teachers are also concerned about snow days and instruction. The kindergarten teachers may be doing conferences by phone. Today is probably the last day for “proud to be me” week. Tomorrow is dress for success day.

Students are collecting for Leukemia/Lymphoma this month. The last day of the month is on a Friday – Mrs. Ehmer is going to ask Reddish if all the kids can wear pajamas that day. A student will announce how much we raised – probably first week of March.

Woodland will have another Career Day this year, similar to the Science Fair, kids will make a tri-fold and get dressed up. This will take place during the day. Classes will visit each tri-fold and the kids will do a presentation. We are shooting for April. She wants to balance it out with Skyview, one year on/ one year off.

10. Active Committee Reports:

- a. 4th Grade PP&P (Sarah Spletzer), date 1/24/14 (snow date 1/31/14). All went great; still waiting on receipts to be turned in.
- b. 4th Grade Social (Sarah Spletzer), date 5/29/14 (rain date 5/30/14)
- c. Art Goes to School (Open), date TBD usually Spring
- d. Arts Festival (Open), Arts Festival will be along with the spring concert this year, on May 13.
- e. Book Swap (Sarah Spletzer), date TBD
- f. Cafeteria Volunteers (Kim Larcinese), ongoing
- g. Civic Committee (Peg Herbison, Lisa McDonald), Veteran’s Day Assembly, date 11/11/13 – *Civic Committee will now include what used to be Hospitality Committee – providing cookies/beverages for the reception following Veteran’s Day Assembly*
- h. Community Service (Tommy Avelar, Liz Drummond, Nurse Thomas), ongoing
Wishing Well, Family Gym Nights (Family Gym Nights are scheduled for 12/13/13, 1/17/14, 2/21/14, 3/14/14, Spring Fever Raffle

We made about \$420 dollars for the gym night in January. The next one coming up is on February 21. She believes the flyers are going out today

- i. E-Alerts (Christine Steere), ongoing
- j. Fall Festival (Heather Gulsby-Steiner, Jen Riddell) date 10/18/13 (rain date 10/25/13)
- k. Family Game Night (?), date 3/21/14 – we will reach out to Roxanne
- l. Father/Son Event (Gabby Winters & Kim Larcinese), the date is April 11, 2014. Heather will reach out to Gabby.
- m. Fun Day (TBD), date 6/9/14 (rain date 6/10/14)
 - i. Game Subcommittee (Open)
 - ii. Homeroom Captain Liason (Open)
- n. Fundraising – Heather Gulsby-Steiner – Heather has not done Walk-A-Thon prizes yet, we discussed to Schuykill Valley gift cards and presenting them at the end of the year.

- i. Box Tops, ongoing the kids had a pizza party during lunch time. Bender's class won the very close race. The next contest has already started. The winning class gets to silly string Dr. Reddish, and we may give out a Rita's gift card.
- ii. Fall Fundraiser (Christine Steere), 11/2013
- iii. Fall Walk-A-Thon (Christine Steere & Heather Gulsby-Steiner), 10/16/13 (rain date 10/23/13)
- iv. Kidstuff Coupon Books, date 9-10/2013
- v. No-Effort Fundraiser, ongoing – still ongoing.
- o. Holiday Craft Night (Lisa Chaya & Gabby Winters), date 12/6/13
- p. Ice Cream Social (Liz Drummond), date 9/27/13
- q. Library Volunteers (Janet Kumar), ongoing
- r. Newsletter (Liz Drummond), ongoing
She has not done February yet, but January is posted.
- s. Outdoor Sign (Julia Novia, Tara Maurer), ongoing
- t. Post Prom Support (Heather Gulsby-Steiner), date Spring 2014
- u. School Store/Spiritwear (Kim Miller), ongoing – *this is newly combined with Spiritwear*
- v. Science Fair (Peg Herbison & Mrs. Mitchell), date 2/12/14
- w. Staff Luncheon (Gabby Winters), date 5/9/14
- x. Student Directory (Kim Larcinese), date 9-10/2013
- y. Sunshine (TBD), ongoing Liz and I
- z. Variety Show (Suzanne Candello, Gabby Winters, Megan deMontaigne), date 5/2/14
- aa. Web-Site Technical Assistance (Christine Steere), ongoing
- bb. Welcome Wagon (Heather Gulsby-Steiner), ongoing
- cc. Yearbook (Suzanne Candello & Gabby Winters), ongoing
- dd. Other

11. New Business

Brenda Hackett reported:

At this time, the School Board is focused on the fields issue and the budget for next year, which is challenging. Committee meetings are open to the public, and it is great to have input from new people.

12. Closing

Woodland's next Home & School meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.