

Woodland Home & School
Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 2014
9:15 p.m.

In Attendance:

Zanthia Reddish
Heather Gulsby-Steiner
Liz Drummond

Christine Steere
Sarah Spletzer
Andi Toaso

Gabby Winters
Brenda Hackett

1. Sign in and Welcome Introductions
2. School Board Report: Brenda Hackett

Ms. Hackett reported:

From the Board perspective, the fields project is in abatement at the moment. We got two bids we could not vote on. Graduation will be at the High School football field. Students are very happy about that. The future of the field project is delayed at this point. It's been 50 years that they've been trying to get lights on the field.

The Arts, Corks and Forks event was held the other night at Chadwicks. There was live music, art for sale by students and alumni artists – very impressive and at reasonable prices. This event was held with the idea that we could raise money for the field project and they are donating 75% of profits. There were also many restaurants there.

We should be trying to get 4th grade parents to show interest in being on home and school at Skyview and Home and School as a whole. As soon as the corporation is in place we will have EIN numbers, etc. Christine Steere is the new president of District Council.

3. Old Business: Christine Steere and Sarah Spletzer

No old business

4. Recording Secretary's Report: Sarah Spletzer

All minutes posted with the exception of March

5. President's Report: Christine Steere

Christine reported:

Nominations for next year's officers went out. We've received two back so far. All positions are open except Treasurer. Elections are next month, so if you want to take a certain position or have a suggestion of someone for a position, please let Sarah and I know. The new officers will take over at the June meeting.

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

Gabby reported:

She has been working on filling leadership positions with committees for next year. Gabby has been calling on younger parents in the last few days. Betty Nascimento will be doing Arts Festival and Book Swap. Andi Toaso and Altaira Heiser will handle dining out type events – under fundraising, no effort. Arby's, Wendy's, Panera, Brother Pauls, and others are all doing programs like this now. Lisa McDonald and Michelle Petko will handle the Civic Committee, and Father/Child event. Susan Washburn and Lisa Chaya will handle Holiday Craft Night, Roxanne Tims will work on Movie Night/Family Game Night/Bingo Night (she will get back to Gabby); Katie Shireman will work on Kidstuff and Staff Luncheon. Katie Shireman is also a possibility for working on Fun Day.

7. Treasurer's Report: Liz Drummond

Liz reported:

On the first page she handed out, she highlighted items using slightly larger font, and broke out at the bottom of second page, likely expenses that are left. There is a shortfall at Walk-A-Thon and outlay for school supplies. Next year we may want to consider reducing the Fun Day budget. It will be kind of a transitional year. Christine Steere commented that we're supposed to spend the money – that it doesn't do the kids any good to not spend the money. Liz continued that the last page shows what the activity was on the account March through today.

Regarding doing a Panera Bread fundraiser, Panera requires a tax I.D., and Max and Erma's may, as well. Regarding mini-grant applications: Mrs. Kennedy and Megan Johnson are both requesting math supplement material. These applications were moved to vote and seconded – PASSED for both teachers.

8. Principal's Report: Zanthia Reddish

Dr. Reddish reported:

Thank you for sending your students to school well rested for PSSAs and 4th grade tests will continue on 4/29 and 4/30. We had a movie day for them Friday afternoon. Benchmark testing will be at the end of May: 5/29 – 6/3. We will be stopping Team Time shortly before then so we can get into Field Day, Memorial Day Break, etc. We take the results from Benchmark Testing, look at where the students fall, designate where they'd predictably be in the Fall, then when they Benchmark Test in the Fall, we see if it's similar. This way, their new teachers have information about the student in order to set up groups, etc. Also, we have Benchmark points for our own building goals and the school then sees if we're on course to meet our goals.

Spring pictures are coming up 4/23.

As far as shorts go, the weather is fluctuating – she is relying on us as parents to determine whether it is appropriate to wear shorts. Also, it is not a bad idea to have a jacket at school with you.

Reminder: if student is going home with another student, they must have 2 notes and transportation form.

New report cards will be out on April 17. The marking period ended yesterday, April 8. Teachers are working on class lists and thinking about next year. We take so much time as a team and do this very comprehensively. The teachers who are sending take everything into consideration – we’re considering everything you’d be considering as parents. We are not expecting a teacher change before next year. Right now we’re planning on keeping our 3 kindergarten classes. We might be taking up students from other schools. For students moving to Skyview, Mrs. Ehmer sends up extensive notes to the 5th grade counselor re: separating students or students who would work best with certain type of teacher. The 4th graders are visiting Skyview on May 27. Mrs. Gorla and the 5th grade counselor will participate in a recess here, as well. The decisions for teachers and teams at Skyview are very well thought-out, as well. Next week, there is a Spanish Club for 1st and 2nd graders. This will be a one or two-day workshop run by high school students. Art Goes to School will be the week of May 5. The Variety Show is May 2. Rehearsals are underway.

9. Teacher’s Report:

Mrs. Ehmer reported:

Make sure kids are coming to school with full water bottles. The Diversity Dance was great last week. We raised 360 dollars, which was more than last year. She has some ideas for how to change it up for next year. This is part of keeping our No Place for Hate designation, one of the 3 events we must hold per year.

Nurse Thomas will be returning the mini-Grant camera money to Home & School, because the students have really used the iPads the way the cameras would have been used.

10. Active Committee Reports:

- a. 4th Grade PP&P (Sarah Spletzer), date 1/24/14 (snow date 1/31/14)
- b. 4th Grade Social (Sarah Spletzer), date 5/29/14 (rain date 6/4/14)

Sarah has reserved Eskie for the Social again this year, as well as Alan Cave to DJ. She is working on getting the hot dog cart again this year, as it was a big hit last year. We’ve ordered cinch bags with “Methacton Class of 2022” and will likely order pens

with the same line, for the kids to sign yearbooks (and as a keepsake). Information will start coming home very soon.

- c. Art Goes to School (Open), week of 5/5
- d. Arts Festival (Open), Arts Festival will be held along with the spring concert this year, on May 13. Gabby reached out to Mrs. D'Onofrio re: how many volunteers will be needed; she will let Gabby know. Dr. R talked to her yesterday, probably all will need to be up and ready by that Friday.
- e. Book Swap (Sarah Spletzer), date TBD

Sarah will see if this event can come together this year – possibly in May, but may not happen this year.

- 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
Sent out spring fever raffle information, got good prizes, those should be returned by Friday. They will send another eAlert. Family Gym Night is done at this point.
- 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/Woodland Movie Night? date 3/21/14 This event will not be happening this year.
- l. Father/Son Event (Gabby Winters & Kim Larcinese), date 4/11/14 moved to the April 26th They have a good response so far.
- m. Fun Day (TBD), date 6/9/14 (rain date 6/10/14)

Gene has cancelled the assembly after consulting with Jenna Bender and getting her agreement on that subject as well. In its place there will be a photo booth and additional carnival games under boardwalk tents. Gabby has said she will help with the organization of the prize baskets. Gene also was going to have Gabby forward to her the sheet she put together for the pizza last year - she thinks we will be switching back to Main St. Pizza.

The face painting and tattoo portion has yet to be planned and that needs to get underway ASAP. We need someone to run this.

Megan has kindly volunteered the popcorn machine again this year, which was a huge hit!

- i. Game Subcommittee (Open)
- ii. Homeroom Captain Liason (Open)
- n. Fundraising – Heather Gulsby-Steiner
 - i. Box Tops, ongoing – still going really well – third grade is in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Kids are getting into it – the prize is silly stringing Dr. Reddish. Heather will

order the silly string and will get the gift cards for Walk-A-Thon and Box Tops to hand out on Fun Day. We're doing SkyZone for 5/22 and we'll get a portion of the proceeds - \$3 per ticket. Paperwork to pre-order and sell at the door, too.

- 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
- 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; There will be no newsletter this month.
- s. Outdoor Sign (Julia Novia, Tara Maurer), ongoing – Father/Son needs to be moved on the outdoor sign.
- t. Post Prom Support (Heather Gulsby-Steiner), date Spring 2014
- u. School Store/Spiritwear (Kim Miller), ongoing
- v. Science Fair (Peg Herbison & Mrs. Mitchell), date 2/12/14
- w. Staff Luncheon (Gabby Winters), date 5/9/14 – going well, went through Wegman's menu, she will set up vol spot again and send link in an eAlert
- x. Student Directory (Kim Larcinese), date 9-10/2013
- y. Sunshine (TBD), ongoing
- z. Variety Show (Suzanne Candello, Gabby Winters, Megan deMontaigne), date 5/2/14
The show went very well – a total success.
- aa. Web-Site Technical Assistance (Christine Steere), ongoing
- bb. Welcome Wagon (Heather Gulsby-Steiner), ongoing
- cc. Yearbook (Suzanne Candello & Gabby Winters), ongoing budgeted \$1,300 for 4th graders, ordered 25 less than last year. Now we have 30 unsold, color detail might entice more people after the date. Worst case scenario, we're stuck with 15. The year books will be delivered 5/16.
- dd. Other

11. New Business

The next meeting is for election of new officers – if we know anyone to nominate. Gabby has been nominated for president and Kim Larcinese for vice-president. We can do co-roles for anyone who finds that easier.

12. Closing

Woodland's next Home & School meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m.