

Woodland Home & School
Membership Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Michelle Petko
Christine Steere
Elizabeth Drummond

Sarah Spletzer
Zanthia Reddish
Kim Larcinese

Gabby Winters
Brenda Hackett

1. Sign in and Welcome Introductions

Christine welcomed the new H&S Board, and read a note from Dr. Reddish thanking H&S for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

2. Old Business: Christine Steere and Sarah Spletzer

No report given.

3. Recording Secretary's Report: Sarah Spletzer

No report given.

4. President's Report: Christine Steere

Christine recapped our discussion from last month's H&S meeting, regarding District Council, etc. She reiterated that District Council was disbanded as of 11/13, now we have the "Methacton Coordinating Council." This new entity is incorporated in the state of PA and striving for 501c3 status. It has/will have its own insurance, tax i.d. number, group purchasing power and will insure schools in district. It has started using its group purchasing power regarding school planners already.

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

Gabby reported that we've received more responses on the volunteerism sheet, and that some parents have signed up to head up committees. This coming year, we will utilize a team approach for Fun Day and 4th Grade Social.

6. Treasurer's Report: Liz Drummond

Liz reported that she has written a number of checks, including \$329 for the Sky Zone fundraiser. At the last meeting we talked about refunding no-shows, Liz is not sure

where we left this. We decided that someone should reach out to SkyZone. Dr. Reddish suggested that this could be left up to the parents to pursue.

Liz reported that in the last 30 days of activity, she transferred \$2,500 from savings to checking to sustain expenditures. There is about \$4,100 remaining to pay out.

7. Principal's Report: Zanthia Reddish

Dr. Reddish reported that Principal for the Day went well this year. There are a couple of things going on. We have 3 sections of Kindergarten for next year: two a.m. classes and one p.m. class. We have another teacher coming over from Worcester to cover the additional section. We are finalizing class lists. Parents of incoming kindergartners will receive their a.m./p.m. notification at the end of June. All other students will receive their class assignments in late August. This summer will be unique in terms of office hours at Woodland. There will be no Friday hours at all, and 10 hour days Monday-Thursday. The best thing is to call ahead and advise if you are coming in over the summer. Some weeks Judy will be out, and some weeks Dr. Reddish will be out. The office is open until 4:30 on Thursdays. The high school is always open.

We are set to have our 2:30 early dismissals on Tuesday (6/10), Wednesday (6/11), and Thursday (6/12), and 11:30 early dismissal on Friday (6/13).

The Awards Assembly will be held on Friday 6/13 at 9:30. Dr. Reddish wants parents to be mindful of safe attire with the warmer weather – mainly shoes. Also, a reminder will appear in the June newsletter regarding speed limits when driving in the school parking lot. This week we will have a fire drill during lunch. Woodland has not decided on its theme for next year. This decision will be made during three in-service days after school ends. Between now and the end of the year, we will be finishing up benchmark testing, reviewing data to create groups for the fall.

Back to School night will be held Thursday 9/18/14 for the 2014-2015 school year.

8. Teacher's Report:

No report given.

9. 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 6/3/14)
Even went great, students seemed happy.
- 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

She will tweak the way scheduling is done for next year.

- 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)
- 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
- l. Father/Son Event (Gabby Winters & Kim Larcinese), date 4/11/14
- m. Fun Day (TBD), date 6/11/14 (rain date 6/12/14)
 - i. Game Subcommittee (Open)
 - ii. Homeroom Captain Liason (Open)

Gabby proposed to Dr. Reddish, an idea about keeping the Fun Day raffle less confusing this year. She proposed to draw names of winners the day of Fun Day, but actually distribute the prizes the next day. We would plan to not even announce winners until the next day. Gabby asked to have announcements made that Fun Day winners will be announced on Thursday 6/12. The announcements will start 1:45. Gabby also noted that teachers have questioned her about the Fun Day schedule, for example, what the timing of everything is.

- n. Fundraising – Heather Gulsby-Steiner
 - i. Box Tops, ongoing
 - 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
- 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
- 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
- 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 – we should do an eAlert letting students know that there are still copies of the yearbook for sale.

dd. Other

10. New Business

Brenda Hackett discussed the fact that we have two vacancies on the School Board. The selection process provides that we'll select one representative at a time, the first will be appointed by next Monday, the second one a week or two later. There will be a meeting on the 9th to announce it the appointment. The meeting announcing the appointments will be open to the public as according to state law, the public has an opportunity to comment. The deadline for the first appointment was last Friday, the deadline for the second has not happened yet. The local newspaper and Methacton's website will have information about appointments and deadlines. The Board is interested in receiving resumes for people who would qualify for the open positions. So far, they have received resumes from a broad cross-section of people. Christine pointed out that for these open positions, because they were caused by resignations, the Board considers anyone who meets the requirements, which is different from when there are elections.

Brenda added that the Board will approve the final budget this month. It looks like there will be a 2.1% tax increase. All information in this regard is on the website.

Also under new business, Liz announced that the Ice Cream Social for the fall 2014-2015 will be 9/26/14.

Christine noted that our H&S needs to pick a representative for Coordinating Council. For now, we have it as Gabby. Each school gets one vote. The representative can change, but there is still only one vote per school.

Over the summer, H&S has to get its budget done and finalize dates

Dr. Reddish noted regarding school supplies, that Christine updated her from the last meeting and that it seems people want to see the school supplies "program" continue. Career Day on 6/10/14.

11. Closing

No report given.