

Woodland Home & School  
Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, November 12, 2014

9:15 a.m.

In Attendance:

Gabby Winters	Katie Shireman	Andi Toaso	Mrs. Ehmer
Susan Washburn	Michelle Petko	Elizabeth Drummond	
Kim Larcinese	Zanthia Reddish	Brenda Hackett	

1. Sign in and Welcome Introductions: Gabby welcomed everyone.
2. Old Business: Gabby reported Paper Recycling was bought by another company, we can still put paper in it but we are waiting on communication to see if we will still make money.

3. President's Report: Gabby Winters

Coordinating council "kick off" meeting was Monday and was well attended including Gabby Winters and Dr. Reddish. We have a tax ID #, liability insurance. The treasurer's meeting is Thursday. Gabby Winters will also be auditing all Home and School's books. The Coordinating Council will continue to meet monthly.

4. Vice Presidents' Reports: Kim Larcinese

No report given

5. Recording Secretary's Report: Michelle Petko

No report given

6. Treasurer's Report: Liz Drummond

Liz opened with we have achieved enough cash to cover remaining expenses. We raised \$6527.00 from the Walk-A-Thon and \$2000.00 from Kidstuff books. We will be currently paying the holiday craft night expenses, the upcoming Veteran's Day expenses, and directory printing expenses. We also paid Coordinating Council dues and Art Goes To School expenses.

We reviewed our mini grant applications as follows:

1. Mrs. Kennedy submitted \$387.39 for a bookshelf.
2. Mrs. Brower submitted \$461.90 for a new reading rug.
3. Third grade team \$444.30 non-fiction theme books.

We voted to approve the third grade team non-fiction books along with splitting the cost of Mrs. Brower's rug with the school which Dr. Reddish had approved as well. Mrs. Kennedy's bookshelf application will be deferred for now and reviewed next quarter.

7. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Susan Washburn

Susan reported that she will send a thank you note to Mr. Hopf for his presentation on Veteran's Day as well as Panera Bread for their donations of food and coffee.

8. Principal's Report: Zanthia Reddish

Dr. Reddish opened with a thank you for the Veteran's Day assembly and Fall Fest.

She also discussed our SPP score of 78 which is on the lower end. Dr. Reddish and the teachers are working on ideas to "grow" the students. Common Core instruction is emphasized. Dr. Reddish is also working with other elementary schools in Methacton as they share ideas during their building visits. Some ideas discussed:

1. Increasing Kindergarten # of words.
2. "Wow" not every day words, words on assessment. Starting in Nov. they will have a drawing for students who get the words correct.
3. Core standard materials, the test is different. Covers 3 weeks, Math, Science and Reading. PSSAs can also be taken on the computer now, but as a district we have elected not to do this at this time.
4. There will be no teamtime on Wednesdays, teachers will be reviewing areas that need improvement. They will be working with students in asking them to do more explanation of their thinking.
5. ERA (Early Rising Achievers)
6. \*New\* Reading and ISS will be working with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on foresight testing. They will "challenge" students....every student is a tree and that student ("tree" )

can see how they grow and will receive tickets for the growth which can be used for prizes.

7. Utilizing Study Island which they can do on the internet café.

8. We need more emphasis on Math. Skyview is piloting a new Math program and we may need to investigate new math options and new math curriculum.

9. Educator effectiveness for teachers. SLO (student learning objectives)

Lastly Dr. Reddish discussed there are discussions of a transportation/technology committee. First Student mentioned if we would like to utilize the scanning of students as they get on and off the bus which was not welcomed by the majority of the attendees at the H&S meeting.

9. Teacher's Report:

Ms. Ehmer had the students put their thumbprints on the buddy bench with Home and School volunteers. Mrs. Fusco will have group and individual activities and advise students the bench is for kids that may be feeling sad, may not know what or who to play with at recess. If other children see a child sitting there, they could go over and ask their buddy if they are ok.

She is also going to begin the Career Fair in the upcoming months and will be inviting guests to speak to the children. Mrs. Ehmer noted she will have an intern that will also be helping organize this.

10. School Board:

Brenda Hackett reported on the field light project. Bids are open for the lights and we are waiting on Worcester Township approval. She had noted there is a safety issue with no lights so they are all hoping for continued progress. December the Board will elect new officers and reorganize. One of the policies up for discussion is "class size" trends. It also should be noted there are 2 new classes for MHS. Robotics and 9<sup>th</sup> grade seminar study skills.

11. Active Committee Reports:

a. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade PP&P Sue Rueter-Uebele & Melissa Treacy date 1/23/15 (snow date 1/30/15)

Gabby reported the planning is under way and looking for volunteers.

b. Building Beautification (Open), ongoing

c. Cafeteria Volunteers Kim Larcinese ongoing and still looking for volunteers.

- d. Civic Committee Lisa McDonald & Michelle Petko Veteran's Day Assembly, date 11/11/14.

Michelle Petko reported that the day went well, and was received by all as a very good day. Lisa has done such a wonderful job the last few years chairing this event, but will no longer be here next year therefore Michelle has already asked for assistance in chairing this event next year with Andi Toaso.

- e. Community Service Tommy Avelar & Liz Drummond ongoing

Wishing Well, Family Gym Nights (Family Gym Nights are scheduled for 1/9/15, 2/20/15, 3/20/14) Spring Fever Raffle

The "giving tree" is going up shortly that will have nature type ornaments.

- f. E-Alerts Gabby Winters ongoing.

- g. Fundraising

- i. Box Tops Heather Gulsby-Steiner \$631.00 in Nov. was submitted.
- ii. Fall/Spring Fundraiser we are selling the Dips which are due Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and we are also looking into selling bulbs for Spring.
- iii. Walk A Thon raised \$6500.00 and there will be a drawing for a \$10.00 5 below gift cards. Sydney Ross, Noah Delfiner and Abigail Arnold were picked with 3 other random winners for a total of 6 winners.

- iv. No-Effort Fundraiser Susan Washburn

Susan Washburn reported we have raised \$100.00 from shoparoo

- vi Ice Cream Social

Liz reported we made a profit of \$369.68 and 391 sundaes were purchased. Wegman's gave a \$50.00 gift card to help with the cost of the ingredients that were purchased.

- h. Outdoor Sign Julie Novia ongoing

- i. Spiritwear Gabby Winters

Gabby reported we had \$1500.00 in orders with a profit of \$412.67.

- j. Student Directory Kim Larcinese date 9-10/2014

Kim stated the directory is almost done and should go to print within the next week or two.

Sunshine Susan Washburn

No report given

k. Web-Site Technical Assistance Gabby Winters

No problems to report.

l. Welcome Wagon Kim Larcinese

Kim will reach out to the new families of Woodland that we just welcomed.

m. Yearbook Suzanne Candello, ongoing

n. Dining out Altaira Heiser and Andi Toaso

Bertucci we made \$228.85.

YOGO Blast was 11/3/2014 and we made \$41.00, \$30.00 from raffles.

Pizzeria Uno is 1/14/2014 and we will receive 15% back if sales are under \$1000.00 or 20% over \$1000.00

Chick Filet is Thanksgiving week.

12. New Business

No report given.

13. Closing

Next month the meeting is scheduled January 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm.