

Woodland Home & School
Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2014

9:15 a.m.

In Attendance:

Gabby Winters Liz Drummond Linda Ehmer Christine Wike Katie Shireman
Susan Washburn Michelle Petko Kim Woodring Tommy Avelar Nathalia Capelini
Kim Larcinese Zanthia Reddish Melissa Treacy Kim Wissirir Altaira Heiser

Linda Ehmer

1. Sign in and Welcome Introductions: Gabby welcomed everyone and happy to see new volunteers.
2. Old Business: Gabby Winters and Michelle Petko

Gabby recapped that last year after the talent show, the piano bench was broken and Home and School will replace it for \$95.99 and this will be added to the budget.

Liz recapped that last year we had 2 different families not show up but had paid for the Skyzone fundraiser. Liz delivered 5 vouchers to these families that were not able to attend.

3. President's Report: Gabby Winters

Gabby thanked Dr. Reddish for the school District covering most of the cost of the student's back to school supplies and noted that Home and School covered the cost of the wipes, tissues, baggies, sanitizers etc. We believe this is a great use of funds to help the Woodland families getting their kids back to school.

4. Vice Presidents' Reports: Kim Larcinese

Kim reported that Home Room captain sign up is going well and there will be a meeting within the next week or two in order to review responsibilities. It was also noted there is no such thing as a "pending volunteer". Your paperwork and TB test must be completed.

5. Recording Secretary's Report: Michelle Petko

No report given

6. Treasurer's Report: Liz Drummond

Liz reported we received our yearly donation cash back from Target that we get in the beginning of Sept. and this approx \$476.00 check has been deposited into the account.

The new budget was approved over the summer by the board.

Liz noted that we did change the mini grants this year from \$4000 to \$2000 because the money was not all being used and we felt it could be used elsewhere to benefit the kids. We will be giving out mini grants 3 times a year in the amount of \$500 with a yearly \$500 building improvement as well to total \$2000.

The main expenses so far has been the assemblies and the school supplies.

It was also discussed that the 4th grade is not using the planners that were purchased by Home and School therefore we should find out if they will not be using them going forward, Home and School will not include those in our next year's order.

7. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Susan Washburn

No report given

8. Principal's Report: Zanthia Reddish

Dr. Reddish stated we had a great opening to the new school year. We also received our "No Place for Hate" designation that we have received for the last few years and they unveiled the banner to the kids at the assembly.

Dr. Reddish noted the new teachers we have with us this year, some long term replacements as well as some short term replacements.

Back to School night will be the same format starting with the 6:00pm Meet and Greet.

We will continue with the Thursday blasts and E-Alerts. There is also a new "trouble shooting" menu on the website so if you have a question or concern you can view this "trouble shooting" tab and it will guide you who you should call first.

Dr. Reddish also discussed the PA common core of Refining and Extending knowledge and Woodland will come up with our own mission and vision statement.

Bench Mark testing is now being done which continues 3 times a year and at the end of Sept. you should receive a letter on what tier your child is in.

PSSA results will also be getting mailed within the next week or two.

We will continue no food for birthday celebrations and healthy snacks at parties.

In closing Dr. Reddish shared an idea that she has seen at other schools where they have a back to school picnic and the families bring their own blankets and food. They wear name tags and it is a good chance to casually meet other families in the school. The Home and School will discuss this further and see if there is an event we can add this to or going forward introduce this as a new Sept. event.

9. Teacher's Report: Mrs. Ehmer

The teachers wanted to thank us all for the supplies for their students.

It was also brought to our attention that maybe "The Kid Stuff" books could be purchased at back to school night. We discussed that we have sent the books home with the younger kids for years because the parents are more likely to check the younger kid's backpacks. Sending the books home with the kids seem to be quite beneficial in raising funds but we will try to come up with new ideas to get the books returned to the school if they are not being purchased.

Mrs. Ehmer also shared we received a grant of approx. \$1140.00 for J.P. Mascaro and she will be putting these funds towards landscaping the front of the building and a "buddy bench" for the playground that she will have the children help decorate.

As in years past, we will be starting to collect toiletry items for the Women's Bridge Resource Center and coats and hats for the Feel the Warmth organization.

10. School Board: Kim Woodring

In addition to Kim being a school board member she is also our liaison along with Brenda Hackett. Kim shared information about The Technical Career Center and how she is willing to host a meeting for Home and School so we can tour their facility and learn more about how wonderful it is.

The school board has replaced some open positions they had. They also have been working on the conditions of use for the lights on the fields and are starting to hear from neighbors noting that the ordinance does allow for the lights.

Kim also shared there are some pilots being run in the school for example a college planning system introduction in Arcola as well as a pilot for "Go Math" at the 5th and 6th grade level at Skyview.

11. Active Committee Reports: We will continue to have sign up sheets at back to school night to gain volunteers.

- a. 4th Grade PP&P Sue Rueter-Uebele & Melissa Treacy date 1/23/15 (snow date 1/30/15)
- b. 4th Grade Social Sue Rueter-Uebele & Melissa Treacy date 5/27/15 (rain date 5/28/15)
- c. Art Goes to School (?), date TBD usually Spring
- d. Arts Festival Betty Nascimento date TBD usually Spring
- e. Book Swap Betty Nascimento date TBD usually late Winter/Spring
- f. Building Beautification (Open), ongoing
- g. Cafeteria Volunteers Kim Larcinese ongoing
- h. Civic Committee Lisa McDonald & Michelle Petko Veteran's Day Assembly, date 11/11/14

Lisa and Michelle will be meeting with the music department to start planning this day within the next week or two.

- i. Community Service Tommy Avelar & Liz Drummond ongoing
Wishing Well, Family Gym Nights (Family Gym Nights are scheduled for 1/16/15, 2/20/15, 3/20/14) Spring Fever Raffle
- j. E-Alerts Gabby Winters
We will have computers set up at back to school night hoping to get more parents signed up for E-alerts.
- k. Fall Festival Heather Gulsby Steiner & Andi Toaso date 10/17/14 CANCELLED
- l. Family Game Night Erin Gamble & Roxanne Tims date 3/13/15
- m. Father/Daughter Event Lisa McDonald & Michelle Petko date 4/24/15
- n. Fun Day Committee, date 6/9/15
 - i. Game Subcommittee (Open)

- ii. Homeroom Captain Liason (Open)
- iii. Volunteer Coordinator Melissa Treacy
- iv. Raffle Prizes
- o. Fundraising
 - i. Box Tops Heather Gulsby-Steiner ongoing
 - ii. Fall Fundraiser
 - iii. Fall Walk-A-Thon Executive Board 10/15/14 (rain date 10/29/14)
 - a. Letters will be filled out by the students requesting support from their families and friends, they will be returned to the school and we will mail them in hopes to raise more funds this year.
 - iv. Kidstuff Coupon Books Katie Shireman date 9-10/2014
 - v. No-Effort Fundraiser Susan Washburn ongoing
- p. Holiday Craft Night Lisa Chaya & Susan Washburn date 12/5/14
- q. Ice Cream Social Liz Drummond date 9/26/14

Liz reported responses are already coming in and we will need volunteers for this event.
- r. Library Volunteers Janet Kumar

It was reported that Mrs. Yocum will welcome any help in the library and any cleared volunteer can come any time the library is open.
- s. Newsletter Melissa Treacy ongoing
- t. Nominating (?), Spring 2014
- u. Outdoor Sign Julie Novia ongoing
- v. Post Prom Support (?), date Spring 2015
- w. School Board Rep Melissa Treacy ongoing
- x. Science Fair Tommy Avelar & Linda Troutman date 2/18/15 (snow date 2/25/15)
- y. Spiritwear Gabby Winters

We will have samples of these at Back to School night and hoping to start selling before the holidays.
- z. Staff Luncheon Katie Shireman date 5/8/15

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

Kim stated order forms are coming in although there are more PDF than printed directories.

bb. Sunshine Susan Washburn ongoing

cc. Variety Show Suzanne Candello & Megan deMontaigne date 5/15/15

dd. Web-Site Technical Assistance Gabby Winters, ongoing

ee. Welcome Wagon Kim Larcinese, ongoing

ff. Yearbook Suzanne Candello, ongoing

12. New Business

13. Closing

Next month the meeting is scheduled October 1, 2014, 9:15am