

Woodland Elementary Home & School
Regular Meeting
Location: LGI
October 4, 2017, 7:00 pm

Officers Present: Nicole Rittenhouse, Katie Shireman, Mary Fitzgerald, Michelle Petko, Nancy Care, Laurie O'Neill, Gina Stover

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. followed by a round table welcome.

School Board Update – Mrs. Brenda Hackett

Mrs. Hackett reported MSD is in negotiations with 3 unions. Teachers contract is in non-binding arbitration. Now entering into negotiations with administrative agreements.

Transportation – inquired if families have seen an improvement. Membership questioned the e-mail release from the district announcing using a new vendor to work with the IU to improve the process. Question raised about bringing transportation back in house rather than paying two agencies.

There will be no Before Care on Columbus Day.

Recording Secretary – Laurie O'Neill

Circulated the draft minutes approved by the board for final vote of membership to adopt the minutes.

Presidents report – Nicole Rittenhouse and Katie Shireman

- Nicole emphasized the importance of being flexible as we merge two school communities together. The goal is to draw from our collective experiences and combine our best practices. Some events will have a fresh look and feel but they will have elements from both schools that the student body enjoyed.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Euker addressed the group.

- Transportation update – Mrs. Euker noted they have had 3 days of all students arriving on time. Please e-mail Mrs. Euker if you are still having issues. Safety issues are still a concern with students crossing main roads.
- Home & School's Capital Improvement – bottle filling/filtered water fountains – are installed and operational.
- Box tops are being highlighted in morning announcements.
- Staff supported Bertucci's night.
- Carline – high volume of cars in car line. Still working on issuing car tags. Car tags are not required for those with occasional parent pick-up.
- Visiting classes, reading the Frog Principal to the students.

- New ELA program. Building time to give teacher's time to collaboratively plan.
- ELL (English Language Learning) committee is hosting it's meeting at Woodland on October 11th.
- Fall Festivals – Parade being separated into two sessions on October 31st.
- The Woodland school webpage is being kept more current.
- October 9th is now a school day.
- In closing, Mrs. Euker delivered the message of blending a new community with the staff.

Vice President – Mary Fitzgerald, Michelle Petko

- Michelle explained the HR parent process and the reasoning behind requesting a 20\$ donation.

Corresponding Secretary – Gina Stover

- Sunday Blasts have begun
- Population will see less frequent reminders
- Reminded the membership that files are available on Konstella to retrieve flyers.
- Group suggestion - A Google drive be created to maintain all files for future committees.
Discussion surrounding how to set-up e-mail addresses. TBD.

Treasurer Report – Nancy Care

Nancy circulated the current budget and reviewed balances as well as expenses.

High-lighted Walk-a-thon donations and how PayPal charges Woodland: 2.2% + \$.30

MCC Update – No meetings held to date

Special Education Alliance Update

Gina Stover reported the 2nd meeting is Oct. 30. Topic: Introduction to secondary transition. Fundraiser information coming soon to provide scholarships for students.

Teacher Update – Teacher Mrs. Balaguer

Requested that flyers clearly state where or who flyers should be returned to.

Committee Reports

- Dining Out – Pizzeria Uno on October 19th. 5 Below on Oct 25-31st.
- Box tops – Submitted Nov. 1. Top student wins a prize at end of year. Top class gets a party at both collections.
- Kidsstuff books – 25 books paid for, 75 books returned to date.

- Student Directory –Kathleen Bacon has completed it. Need a proofreading team. HR Captains will proof.
- Walk-a-thon- Oct. 20th.
- Family Movie Night this Friday. Bingo night will be held at a future date.
- Family Bingo Night – Being planned, prizes reviewed
- Trunk or Treat – Flyer coming home tomorrow. No rain date. Event will be cancelled if weather does not permit. Games, prizes, music will be available.
- Sweets for Soldiers – no longer operating
- Mother/Son Bowling – Nov. 4th 4-6:30 at Facenda Whitaker
- Election Day bake sale – Information coming soon. School will be open.
- Civic Committee – Flyer coming home tomorrow
- Winter Solstice/Holiday Craft –new name/new brand Woodland’s Winter Wonderland. Discussed merging crafts and baskets into one event. Chair Elizabeth Shen to e-mail Mrs. Euker to meet and discuss layout. Concern is crowd management.
- Yearbook Committee – 1st committee meeting held. Merging ideas from two schools. Discussed pricing and number of pages. Meeting with Lifetouch on Oct 9th

Open Discussion

- T-shirts – discussion for better flow of paperwork between the office and classrooms. Ideas voiced- tabled for separate meeting. Request families to remember to fill out forms completely to help deliver mail efficiently and on-time.

September Minutes adopted

9:27 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

The foregoing draft minutes are submitted for approval on October 4, 2017

Laurie O’Neill
Board Secretary