

Woodland Home & School Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

9:15 am

In Attendance:

Elizabeth Drummond      Susan Washburn      Tommy Lynn Avelar

Michelle Petko              Altaira Heiser              Gina Foley

Zanthia Reddish

1. Sign in and Welcome Introductions:

Woodland H & S welcomes Gina Foley to discuss Methacton high school's Post Prom event. The event scheduled this year for April 29th is a free yearly event intended to give students a safe and fun activity following prom. This year's theme is 'TV Land' and will include fun activities such as music, inflatables and laser tag. Last year Post Prom hosted over 800 students for the all night event. The decorating efforts for this event are incredible with representing contributions from all of Methacton's schools. The community is encouraged to come out for a tour before the event. Last year over 1200 visitor attended the community walk through.

This massive event requires many volunteers and all who are interested are welcome. Information can be found on the Methacton Post Prom Facebook page. Also consider attending a fund raiser; March 5th an adults only event will be held at The Empress Room in Bluebell and continue to look for information regarding the Golf outing on July 16th.

2. Old Business: None to report

3. Recording Secretary's Report: Tommy Avelar, I like bananas...

4. President's Report: Elizabeth Drummond, A personalized mascot T-shirt was donated by Vance Dizel, owner of the company that sold personalized spirit wear at Holiday Craft Night. Also, a PTO(parent teacher organization) expo will be held at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks on February 16th. A group of H & S volunteers may go if anyone else is interested.

5. Vice Presidents' Reports: Michelle Petko and Sue Washburn, Nothing to report at this time.

6. Treasurer's Report: Altaira Heiser, Budget update, Craft Night raised almost \$1300.00, Spirit wear sales at Craft Night raised an additional \$516.00, Boxtops have raised \$856.00 and Bertucci's dining out fun raiser raised \$146.00. Mini Grant deadline was January 1st.
7. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Tommy Avelar, Nothing to report at this time.
8. Principal's Report: Dr. Zanthia Reddish, Benchmark testing is in progress. This year we are adding the Fountas & Pinnell assessment system which links assessment to instruction. The test will be added for 1st and 2nd grade at this time with 3rd and 4th grade being added in the Fall. This one on one assessment systematically matches students' instructional and independent reading abilities to the F & P text level gradient and will be a helpful tool for teachers. Due to the one on one nature of this test it will take two days to administer per class. Because of this RTII will not resume until February.

The Early Risers Achievers program will begin again in February for 3rd and 4th grade students that may benefit from additional instruction. The program is held in the mornings before school.

Woodland welcomes 5 new students bringing our total now to 288 students.

We also welcome new ESL teacher Nichole Angelo.

Report cards and conference letters will be going home in two weeks.

During the week of March 14th Woodland will be hosting Kindergarten registration. Incoming Kindergarten parent information night will be held on the evening of February 17th at the high school.

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit is conducting a collaborative math survey and would like to invite 4th grade parents to participate in a data gathering focus group. The data gathered will help Methacton school district to identify the best direction for future math programs. Information will be given to parents of 4th graders when it becomes available.

9. Teacher's Report: No teacher in attendance.

10. Active Committee Reports:

- a) 4th grade PP&P: chaired by 4th grade homeroom captains, Movie Tavern is again providing popcorn and Regal has again donated posters. The Movie voted on this year is Hotel Transylvania 2, The sound system is ready and the janitors are informed. The scavenger hunt was very popular last year and is being repeated this year so various parts of the building will be open during the event.
- g) Cafeteria Volunteers: Tommylynn Avelar and Nathalia Capelini, volunteer spot is active for the months of January and February, ongoing.
- i) Community Service: Liz Drummond and Tommy Avelar, The Giving Tree was very successful this year, adding volunteer spot for the left over items towards the end of the drive worked very well. The first Family Gym Night is scheduled for January 15th
- j) Coordinating Council Update: Liz Drummond, A meeting with Dr. Zerbe is scheduled for January 11th regarding the non-profit status and we should have a non profit number soon. In the pipeline is the development of a manual for H & S treasurers and an instructional course entitled 'Treasurer 101'. As far as insurance it appears that a per-event based insurance will be the most cost effective. Coordinating Council will host a color run on May 14th at Heebner Park, proceeds from this event will be distributed to various Methacton programs.
  
- p) Fundraising:
  - i. Box Tops: Heather Gulsby –Steiner, ongoing,
  - ii. Fall Fundraiser / Spring Fundraiser: In the pipeline; Dutch Mill Bulbs, Spring concert pre ordered flower bouquets, valentines cupcakes from Sweet Treats with Lisa
  - iv. No Effort Fundraising: Sue Washburn, ongoing
  
- w) School Board Rep: Open, in need of a volunteer. New board seated on 12/07/15. The next school board meeting will be held on January 26th and will be attended by Liz Drummond.
  
- x) Science Fair: Tommy Avelar and Linda Troutman, The science fair is scheduled for February 24th with a snow date of March 2nd
  
- ee) Welcome Wagon: Tommy Avelar, Three new families joined Woodland at the start of the year, a packet introducing H & S , including instructions for to register for message updates, information about obtaining volunteer clearances and our no frills fund raising efforts was included along with a few Woodland trinkets and a Woodland cookbook!

11. New Business: Elizabeth Drummond, Constant Contact/ Remind is a pay for service messaging system that the school district is considering for next year. The cost is \$20.00 per month and would potentially be much easier than the current eAlert system. Skyview will be testing this system for the remainder of the school year prior to a final determination.

The next Home and School meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th at 9:15am in the LGI room. Please join us.