

Woodland Home & School Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

9:15 am

In Attendance:

Elizabeth Drummond	Susan Washburn	Tommylynn Avelar
Michelle Petko	Altaira Heiser	Margaret Page
Zanthia Reddish	Katie Shireman	Andi Toaso
Mary Fitzgerald	Rachel Laird	Megan Harkin

1. Sign in and Welcome Introductions:
2. Old Business: None to report
3. Recording Secretary's Report: Tommy Avelar, none to report.
4. President's Report: Elizabeth Dromond,  
  
The school year is off to a great start.  
  
Kindergarten orientation went well. Kindergarten bus riding went over with no problems.  
  
The school supplies that were purchased by Home and School were delivered and the teachers are appreciative.  
  
Back to school night and the Home and School Meet and Greet also went well.  
  
T-shirt orders are under way.  
  
This year's first "Hot News" news letter has been distributed to new families and posted to our webpage.
5. Vice Presidents' Reports: Michelle Petko and Sue Washburn, The homeroom captain sign-up forms are coming in. So far all but two classes have volunteers.
6. Treasurer's Report: Altaira Heiser, This year's new budget, The Board voted on and unanimously approved the new budget.
7. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Tommy Avelar, A condolence card was sent to Dr. David Zerbe and donation made to the Leukemia Lymphoma Foundation in sympathy of the passing of his father. Woodland's school secretary, Dianna Schaffer has also lost her father this week and a card and donation will also be sent.

8. **Principal's Report: Dr. Zanthia Reddish**

Dr. Reddish expressed her gratitude to Home and School for a well organized start to the school year and for all the work that Home and School continues to do.

Dr. Reddish noted the school bus transportation problems and issues that are affecting many students and families. She conveyed her awareness of these issues and that while she has no direct jurisdiction over these matters she has been in communication with those in the district that have and has expressed her concerns to them. She will maintain a watchful eye on these problems.

Dr. Reddish noted changes in our building's space, an extra kindergarten room and the space no longer used by the MCIU which has moved to a new county.

Dr. Reddish is excited about this year's mission and vision "No place for hate."

Dr. Reddish warmly welcomed new staff members and is eager to get to know her new students. She stresses that her door is always open and maintains a desire to keep the lines of communication free.
9. **Teacher's Report: Linda Ehmer, This year's guidance lessons will focus on empathy, resilience and flexibility with an emphasis on the ability to bounce back when things don't go our way. She will begin program's involving the "Empathy Bumble Bee".**

Mrs. Ehmer is working in conjunction with staff at Audubon Elementary School on a 5k hunger walk fundraiser which she hopes can take place in November.

Mrs. Ehmer spoke more about the "No place for hate" program which will involve three school wide projects throughout the school year, all with strong anti-bullying themes and messages of unity within our school. Unity Day will be commemorated and there will be a No Bullying assembly as part of this program.

Mrs. Ehmer and Green Team will work this year on building beautification with new plantings in front of our building.
10. **Active Committee Reports:**
  - f. **Building Beautification:** Open, Mrs. Ehmer and Green Team will work on new plantings for the entrance.
  - g. **Cafeteria Volunteers:** Tommylynn Avelar and Nathalia Capelini, volunteer spot is active for the months of September and October, ongoing.
  - h. **Civic Committee:** Andi Toaso and Michelle Petko, will coordinate with music department on Veterans Day assembly.

- k. E-Alerts: Liz Drummond, “Sign me up” forms were sent home and have been coming in, Dr. Reddish offered staff support for data entry.
- o. Fundraising:
  - i. Box Tops: Heather Gulsby –Steiner, ongoing, Sue Washburn mentioned her excitement over Acme’s 60 Box Top program.
  - ii. Fall Fundraiser / Spring Fundraiser: Walk-a-Thon: open, will be planned for October. Claire’s Gourmet: Tommylynn Avelar, dates TBD.
  - iii. Kidstuff Books: Katie Shireman, The books have gone home.
  - iv. No Effort Fundraising: Sue Washburn, Sue is working on a No Efforts instructional sheet that will go home with parents soon. This will include instructions on how to sign up for the fundraisers as well as information on how Home and School spends these funds.
  - v. Dining Out: Andi Toaso and Altaira Hieser, Andy and Altaira are collecting information on the best Dining Out opportunities for us this year.
- q. Icecream Social: Liz Drummond, Date change discussed, forms have been sent home and are being returned.
- r. Library Volunteers: Mrs. Yokum is handling volunteer schedule this year.
- s. Outdoor Sign: Julie Novia, Sign is up to date.
- u. School Board Rep: Open, in need of a volunteer.
- w. Spirit Wear: This has been decided to be a biyearly event with this as an off year.
- y. Student Directory: Julie Stern-Delfiner, Directory forms have gone home and are being returned to school.
- z. Sunshine Committee: Last year’s funds are unspent.
- bb. Website and Technical Assistance: Liz Drummond, continuing to update.
- cc. Welcome Wagon: ongoing
- 11. New Business:
 

Home and School 101 is scheduled for September 15, at 7pm in the library.

The “Watch Dog Dads” program was discussed for our school and generally well thought of. The program hopes to bring more positive male role models into the classrooms throughout the year. Sue Washburn has volunteered to speak to teachers about their feelings on the program and with other schools already involved with the program.

Trinket Drive, this will involve a box in the lobby for the purpose of collecting donated small trinket type toys for the teachers to give out as prizes. Sue Washburn has also volunteered to spearhead this initiative. Go Sue!

Field Trips, Ideas were discussed for possible new field trip locations and funds that will be allocated for this purpose. Ideas mentioned include, The Franklin Institute, Snapology and the Liberty Museum.

Volunteer Forms, Committee Lists have been handed out, Home and School continues to seek new volunteers.

Custodian Requests, Funds from the Capital Improvements budget in the amount of \$1000.00 have been allocated for the purchase of a new salt spreader and snow plow. Dr. Reddish will look into the need for new tables and extension cords also requested.

Basketball net replacement is on its way.

Dr. Reddish requests feedback from parents on the early Back to School Night this year; parents in attendance seemed generally positive to the early date.

The next Home and School meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Woodland Library. Please join us.