Woodland Home & School Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

9:15 am

In Attendance:

Elizabeth Drummond Susan Washburn Tommy Lynn Avelar Katie Shireman

 Altaira Heiser Mary Fitzgerald Deb Euker Michelle Petko

Andy Toaso Linda Ehmer Margret Page Rachael Packer

Angela Steele Betty Nascimento Bryna VanBlargan Brenda Hackett

Beth Pfeifer Heather Gulsby Steiner

* + - 1. Sign in and Welcome Introductions: Welcome to the opening H&S meeting of the school year!
1. Old Business: None to Report
2. Recording Secretary’s Report: Tommy Avelar and Mary Fitzgerald; Approval of June 2016 minutes
3. President’s Report: Elizabeth Drummond; Kindergarten orientation went well this year and we welcomed many new families and students. School supplies that have been purchased by Home and School have been distributed to the classrooms. Back to school night was a successful evening. Woodland field trip T-shirt order forms have been sent home. Konstella and Remind have had very positive registration numbers and appear to be a productive alternative to the E-Alert system. Considering the ease of registration and multi purpose usability of Konstella/Remind - E-alerts will likely be phased out over this school year. In order to keep as many parents informed and connected we will be importing emails from the directory list unless parents otherwise opt out. The 2nd annual home coming parade is scheduled for October 8th. This year’s parade route has been changed and will begin at the fire house on Ridge Pike. Methacton Home and School organizations now have official non profit status operating under Methacton Coordination Council! The Arcola Middle School science fair coordinator is seeking 15 scientifically experienced individuals to judge the science fair on November 18th and 19th.
4. Vice Presidents’ Report: Michelle Petko and Sue Washburn; Currently compiling a list of the volunteers for Homeroom Captains and assignments will be ready soon.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Altaira Heiser; Budget and spending update. Move to approve 2016/17; This summer’s ‘Meet the Principal Pizza Party’ was very well attended and enjoyed by those in attendance, and so it was voted that there should continue to be a summer pizza party. Funds from the hospitality line of the budget will be used for this event which cost H&S about $200. $690 in funds are left over from last year’s field trip budget stemming from bussing invoice issues from last year including a contested 1st grade bus invoice and 4th grade bus invoices that have yet to be received; if by April 2017 we have still not received bills for these field trip busses we will then make a determination at that time on how we should proceed regarding these two issues. At the close of the summer audit it was suggested to roll our separate checking and savings accounts into one account, this change will be made by H&S officers at an upcoming visit to the bank. Continuing, we went over budget on student planners this year mainly due to fourth grade’s participation in the order this year as apposed to years past and because first grade chose a style that was different from the other grades thus increasing the price of the order, we are happy however to have supplied a planner to first grade that they feel suites the needs of their students. If fourth grade continues to order planners going forward and we continue to be flexible with varying styles ordered then we will need to increase the budget going forward; a $200 budget increase was suggested.

 Lastly, Target is no longer offering their school incentive program, we have received our schools last check for the amount of $560.

 New Budget Approved

7. Secretary’s Report: Tommy Avelar and Mary Fitzgerald; New H&S stationary was ordered over the summer and we will use a lovely new notecard to send Kona Ice a thank you note for supplying free Kona Ice treats at our summer pizza event.

8. School Board Representative Report: Brenda Hackett; Transportation issues have been a main concern for the first few weeks of the school year and the board has been working non stop to re route busses to reduce the amount of time that some students are spending on their bus with a target time of less than 50 minutes time spent on a bus trip. 5 busses were cut from routes this fall and this determination was based on the equation of 2.5 students per bus seat. The Board would like concerned parents to know that the entire administration is now working to address the transportation issues. A Board facilities update reports that 91 million dollars in facilities improvements and updates are required. The Board will be working this year towards negotiating school district contracts all of which expire in June. The second district enrollment study is complete and the results should be ready for the October board meeting. The Board approved the distribution of Chrome Books for all students in grades 7 and above. 10th and 11th grade students this year have received Chrome Books, next year 8th and 9th will get theirs followed by 7th grade the following year and following this schedule all grades 7 and up will have the laptops within a three year time frame.

8. Principal’s Report: Deb Euker,

9. Teacher’s Report: None in attendance.

10. Active Committee Reports:

b) 4th Social: chaired by Janet Kumar, Altaira Heiser and 4th grade homeroom captains. This event was a success enjoyed by all fourth graders. No problems were encountered with the exception of a group of men refusing to vacate the basketball courts. Event planners suggest that perhaps the township could post a reserved notice for next year.

j) Coordinating Council Update: Liz Drummond, Hooray, it’s official, we have a tax ID number!

k) E-Alerts: Liz Drummond, Konstella will be launched over the summer and ready for parents to sign up at the start of the new school year. Hopes are that Konstella will prove easier for parents and administrators to communicate and will eventually replace the E- Alert system. Benchmark will continue to be used to provide text notifications to those registered.

n) Fun Day: Sue Washburn and Betty Nascimento Scheduled for 6/10, This year we will begin setup the night before, custodians, staff and the Y are aware of this plan.

 Volunteer request has gone out and already their are more than 50 parents signed up. Baskets have been requested from homerooms as well as water balloons. It has been decided that this year the winning baskets will be hand delivered to the classrooms after the drawing without announcing the winners during afternoon announcements, this decision was made because it takes a very long time to announce the winners. Volunteer stickers will be used again this year. Volunteers will be broken into AM and PM shifts. This year Miss Malloy will be planning a few of the games. Their will not be a 4th grade dance this year. Volunteer sign in will take place at the parking lot entrance this year.

11. New Business: Elizabeth Drummond, New board seating. Welcome new co-secretary Mary Fitzgerald!

The next Home and School meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September14th, 2016 at 9:15am in the LGI room. Hope to see you there! Have a safe and happy summer!

 , pilot program 5th and 6th math in Focus two math coaches were approved for a second year to prepare teachers to help students with the new program, education committee unanimous to persue—- full day K,

Principal Report, also spoke to the transportation, first day of school was fun with balloons and music, entry plan to get to know as many kids and parents names, as part she has tried to be active presence in the classrooms, Assembly was awesome.. artist talked about drawing, three pictures will be laminated and displayed, the assembly had a no bullying theme tied in at the end, working through the new math program, Math in Focus, we MIF concentrates on concrete foundation and representation in stead of the abstract algorithm that everyday Math began with to quickly. found programs that are core alined, 6th starts with Glencoe with is the same program continued, process descriptions, ….. Wonderfull Back to School night turnout, Kona Ice would like to open communications with Home and School

Teachers report, first ‘give back’ to the community, collection for Bridge, collection until end of month, buddy bench is missing, was destroyed by thugs and it needed to be thrown out, need new buddy bench, bushes that died over summer need to be replaced, Woodland Has Grit picture from assembly to go in lobby, credenza for lobby for photo books, to make the lobby look cleaner,

f . Michelle suggested a garden/ landscaping committee,

g next update will be for the whole year,

k alerts being phased out

l fall fest, trunk or treat Saturday 3;30 ish , for set up, spirit wear here that day, trunk decorating contest , building will need to be unlocked, cones to block lot, 22nd of october,

p —-i— box tops, pizza party in past for winning class and spray silly string on principle, Mrs Euker agrees to continue this tradition going forward, suggested using the sheets that get sent home with kids

ii walk a thon possibility of using online donation sign up such as volunteer spot which is now called ???? is there a way to assign a students name to a donation?

iii Katie Shireman Kid Stuff book

iv No Effort Shop a roo and giant up and running, Boscovs 5$ coupon

vi Dining Out- Altaira and Andy

r Ice-cream social, $50 wegmans donation, New DJ, Zwalans will provide ice-cream again, allot of forms have already come home

s Margarette Page signed up

t MCC rep, Liz Drummond, ESL back to school in need of bilingual speekers, committee for parents of children with special needs, recycling, Rachel Packer volunteered to be the coordinating council home and school rep,

outdoor sign, julie Novia still doing

Spirit wear Vance is coming for craft night and fall fest??

student directory, opt out for Constella

Sunshine ongoing

Web site—-FB

Welcome Wagon, extra bags, attendance magnets for first grade

Yearbook Beth, Betty, Julie, Margret,

New Business, h s 101, Watchdog Dads, pizza part launch to attract dads to participate, could review the program for a later launch, Trinket Drive- Margret will do again during month of october