Woodland Home & School Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 02, 2018

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In attendance: Nicole Rittenhouse, Katie Shireman, Michelle Petko, Mary Fitzgerald, Nancy Care, Laurie O’Neill, Angela Steele, Tommy Avelar, Megan Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Drummond, Debra Euker, Joyce Amici, David Piernock

Meeting called to order at 9:20am

1. Sign in and Welcome
2. President’s Report: Nicole Rittenhouse and Katie Shireman

* Nicole welcomed and thanked everyone for filling out the Home & School survey. The board will be looking at it in more detail during the May budget meeting. We will share the feedback with you after we interpret it.
* Nicole reflected on the events this year and thanked everyone for their support.
* Nicole noted her resignation for the 2018/2019 school year and thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve.
* Katie commented that the spring concert raffle raised $100.00. The winning family had reserved seating and reserved parking. The raffle was well received and proposed doing it for the winter concert.
* Katie motioned to donate the earnings of the spring concert raffle to the music department for their incidentals. All in favor. A line item will be on the budget for receipt reimbursement.

1. Vice Presidents’ Report: Michelle Petko and Mary Fitzgerald

* Michelle commented that April’s adopted minutes were approved and included the budget posted on Konstella. She noted asking the MCC if budgets should be posted. This will be discussed at the MCC meeting on May 14th.
* Mary discussed homeroom captains – looking at the process for next year. Considering the distribution of HR captains and how to assign them. Assignments will happen earlier in the year next year.

1. Recording/Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Laurie O’Neill

A Konstella message was sent notifying the minutes were posted. Questioned if there were any corrections to the minutes. The minutes stand as corrected with the budget posting moved from the Woodland website to Konstella. One objection was noted to posting the budget.

1. Treasurer’s Report: Nancy Care

* Spring fundraiser placeholder was explained and changed to spring concert raffle.
* Noted 2 teacher expenses received this month.
* Commented on activity for father daughter dance. Final numbers are not yet available.
* Late mini-grant received- application for building facility improvement – request for $122 to be used for the purchase for security no-latch magnets. Money is available. All in favor.
* Mrs. Geis’ mini-grant was on sale when purchased, saving $200.00
* A girl scout contacted the Treasurer requesting funding from Home and School for a professional sign for a "buddy bench" for Woodland that she's been working on to earn her gold badge.   This project is being implemented with Mrs. Euker's and Mrs. Ehmer's input.  Motion approved for $75 for a sign that will be covered under "Building Beautification". Someone suggested a tarp to protect it in bad weather. Mrs. Euker noted it will be brought in during the summer months.

1. MCC Rep. Report: non-given
2. School Board Representative’s Report: Liz Drummond

* Approved new substitute teacher program to help with the shortage of subs. Increased their daily rates to encourage more subs to come to MSD.
* Increase district subs from 5 to 7 or 9
* Implemented a guest teacher program. Guest teachers are not certified teachers. They will have a bachelor’s degree and go through MSD training. Certified teachers will be given first priority on jobs.
* Proposed an early retirement program for teachers. Estimated 14 interested and the hope is to not refill those positions.
* NMTCC hired a new director. It was an internal hire.
* Attended a Safe School symposium.
* Attended PA School Board Advocacy Day to meet with law makers to improve school funding and mental health programs.
* Offering another German teacher. Honors German will now be available.
* Post prom- School Board decorated the minion hallway.
* Starting to discuss more efficiently engaging Home and Schools with the school board going forward. Considering different options to allow School Board members to be more available.

1. Principal’s Report: Deb Euker

* The Cub Scouts donated the green bench located outside Linda Ehmer‘s office.
* Woodland’s Post Prom bathroom was incredible!
* May 22nd – Woodland News project will be presented at the board meeting.
* Placard forms for next year went out for those being picked up more than 4/month. 35 have been assigned thus far. The hope is to have the program up and running the first day of school.
* PSSAs are done and the kids were treated for their efforts. Went outside with their teachers for an activity.
* Spring concert was a success. An amazing concert; very well attended.
* Field trips and events are coming up. Clearances remain on the forefront with the need for people to understand procedures.
* Judy Schofield is retiring. Interviewing candidates starting tomorrow.
* Administrative Assistant day was last week. Celebrated with Tosco’s.
* Capital improvements – brainstorming a water fountain on the playground.
* Sept 4 is Back to School Night.
* Watch Dog Dads is being considered for Woodland. Tommy Avelar will reach out to the contact.

1. Teacher’s Report: none given
2. SEA Update: Tommy Avelar

* Last night was the April meeting, Parents are a Memeber of the IEP Team. Tommy has a packet of information if anyone is interested in viewing. It includes a sample IEP annotated page by page.
* Draft of the Special Education plan is available for public review. School board subitted to PA Dept. of Education.
* May 21st is the final meeting about understanding sensory processing disorder. It is at 7pm in the MHS library. Recommended that an SEA representative send a mass email to all principals to share with their teachers.
* May 16th SEA presents to the School Board.
* Thank you for supporting the chick-fil-a fundraiser.
* May 31st is the end of year picnic at Eskie Park.
* SEA plans to participate in the Home and School’s Back to School nights.
* email seamethacton@Gmail.com

1. Active Committee Reports:
2. 4th Grade Social 05/18/18: Michelle Petko –May 18th picnic during the day at Eskie Park. Buses are booked. Needed an extra bus which will increase expenses. 20-30 volunteers are typical. Volunteers have been solicited. Noted the budget remained the same as last year with many more kids this year. Would like clarity of budget. Getting cinch sacs and sharpies for all the students. It is a free event. There will be a food sign-up.
3. Art Goes to School – Chair invited the home and school board to visit their children’s art classes.
4. Cafeteria Volunteers: Tommy Avelar, ongoing – asked for a new chair for next year.
5. Community Service: Tommy Avelar - Spring Raffle raised over $1,000.00. the winners were announced, and an email will be forthcoming with all the winners listed. Nancy Care will take over community service next year. All funds go through Nurse Thomas.
6. Father Daughter Dance 4/6/18: Angela Steele, Gina Stover, Michelle Petko -event was a success. Did not use entire budget. Received feedback on more or less activities. There was a shortage of volunteers for the event.
7. Fun Day 6/5/18: Mary Fitzgerald and Kim Ryan – in planning. Kathleen Bacon is working on food donations to help lower costs. Pizza lunch will be provided. All homeroom captains will be asked to provide a donation of the healthy variety to supplement the pizza lunch. All vendors are booked for both date and rain date. Volunteer form was sent on Konstella with hard copy this week. Need many volunteers. Lunch is included. Will ask high school students if they are available after exams to help.
8. Fundraising

Box Tops: Beth Brenn ongoing – Mrs. Brower won 2nd collection. 24 contributors to Boxtops will have their names pulled for a chance to silly sting Mrs. Euker.

1. Post Prom Support – Andi Taoso was Woodland’s chair. Many people are rising to Skyview next year. We will need more people to take this over.
2. Reading Phillies 05/12/2018: Kathleen Bacon – A couple tickets remain to be sold. Approx. 143 people attending.
3. Spiritwear: Nicole Rittenhouse – Mrs. Euker decided not to do the green t-shirts. Hopes it will help with spirit wear sales.
4. Staff Luncheon 05/09/2018: Katie Shireman – sign up is full.
5. Sunshine – $80 expensed for 2 births, and a get-well bouquet for Judy. Births and passings are recognized.
6. Variety Show 05/11/18: Katie Shireman – first full rehearsal is today. 39 acts, 2 minutes each. Concession stand will be available.
7. Yearbook: Melissa Bower/Julie Novia – yearbooks are on order and hope to be here in time for the 4th grade social.
8. New Business –

* 2018/19 planned events will be shared in the near future.
* Agenda books are on order – delivered the week of august 3rd
* Mr. Piernock shared a concern that they are paying more for buses than they are for the field trips. Can Home and School help? Nancy explained that we increased the funding for the field trips. Mr. Piernock is asking Home and School to increase it further because bussing is more expensive than expected for the field trips. Requested the school board look into the matter further. Liz Drummond explained the property committee is handling transportation now and provided rnavarrete@methacton.org email for inquiries. The main focus has been on bus routes, but this is a good 2nd discussion.

1. Closing

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Jun 6, 2018, at 7pm in Library. **Hope to see you there!**

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

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