

Minutes

PTO Meeting – April 15, 2009

The Woodland School

7:30 p.m.

Dr. Crisfield – April 21st School District Budget Vote (it passed)

- Dr. Crisfield discussed the upcoming Budget Vote and the importance of voting
- He presented the BOE viewpoint to a group from our Senior Community
- The proposed budget balances the economic times while maintaining Warren's standards
- Warren is unique
 - o Some towns like Summit do not vote on a budget – the town council creates it
 - o Our classroom sizes are smaller than the state requirements
- He reminded the PTO that 3 years ago the budget did not pass and the results were negative to our schools
- He reviewed the "Budget at a Glance" and the "Draft Potential Budget Cut Analysis"
 - o Both are available online
 - o Parents were given an opportunity for Q&A
- Dr. Crisfield's message was "Fight the Apathy" on the budget and voting

PTO Meeting Minutes

- Susan Reale apologized to the PTO about the Minutes not being on online for viewing
 - o They have been submitted every month through the proper channels
 - o A breakdown in communication has been happening
 - o The minutes are now available on the PTO Website for Woodland School

Casino Night Re-cap

- Everyone thanked Jacqui Mandelbaum and her committee for the fantastic job they did
- In spite of the Economy, Casino Night had a great turnout and brought in approximately \$16,000

Science Day

- Anya Mulhauser and Bonnie Huevelman are organizing this fun day for the kids
- Mad Science will be at the school along with many volunteers
- Please consider donating a food item for the volunteers

Earth Day

- Shopping bag Project
 - o Shoprite donated 200 brown bags to be decorated with Earth friendly messages
 - o Our 3-5 graders decorated them and they were returned to be used in the store

Dine Around

- Parent's Night Out to dinner
 - o Figaro III is donating 15% of the sales back to Woodland School
 - o \$39.95 includes 2 appetizers, a salad, and entrée and coffee with dessert
 - o Please consider joining other parents for a fun night

Teacher Appreciation Week

- This week of celebrating our teachers begins May 1st
- Teachers will receive something special every day
- The week includes a breakfast and a lunch to let the teacher's relax and socialize
- The Thursday before TAW, teachers can enjoy a massage that will be offered in the school

SOS Forms

- Christine Prinzivalli is organizing these forms
- The form is available online though you can still fill out the hard copy
- Registering online allows Christine to run reports and organize the committees easily
- Volunteers will be contacted to confirm their committee choices
- Don't be afraid to chair or co-chair a committee

Somerset Patriots Game – May 22nd

- Children will sing the National Anthem on the field
- Mr. Celebre will throw out the first pitch
- Please get your ticket orders in by April 24th

Young Author's Day

- There are great authors and storytellers scheduled for the day
- Volunteers are still needed
- Book order forms are out for the event
- Please send them back asap and they will be personalized by the authors
- Jacqui Mandelbaum thanked everyone for their hard work

Family Fun Night – May 29th

- Jen Lapioli is running the night which will include BINGO
- There will also be a Scholastic Book Fair with buy 1 get 1 free
 - o This is not a fundraiser
 - o It will take place between 6-7:30
- Bingo starts at 7:30
- Food will be available to order and it will be served at 6:45
- Prizes will be awarded to the winning students

YMCA After School Clubs

- Registrations are still being accepted

Social Action

- Collection for homeless animals
 - o This will raise awareness of animals in our area
 - o Hopefully this will raise some interest in finding animals a home
 - o Gloria Port is organizing this wonderful cause
- Backpack food drive
 - o It was a success
 - o Teachers really helped out by mentioning the importance of this cause to their students

Pre-K Fun Day

- This is an opportunity for the incoming Kindergarteners to visit Woodland one more time before the Summer
- Parents will have a choice of bringing their child on June 2nd or 3rd
 - o Sign-ups will be during Kindergarten Orientation
 - o The PTO is hoping the new students will be evenly distributed on the two days
- The incoming students will take tours in groups of ten
 - o Parents will be in the APR room for a Q&A session with PTO volunteers
 - o The new students will get to visit each "special" along with the nurses office and the main office
 - o Mrs. Darby will read them a short book in the library
- The day will end with ice pops on the playground
- If you have an incoming Kindergartener and would like to volunteer please contact Susan Reale or Luisa Young

Food Days Meeting

- Maria Seckler is holding a meeting on April 27th at 9:30 in the APR Room
- All are invited to attend
- Please bring suggestions to improve the food days for next year
- All feedback is welcome
- As a reminder the 17th is the last day to order for the year

PTO End of Year Brunch

- The Brunch will be held on May 29th at 11 am
- It will be held at Susan Reale's house