

Minutes

PTO Meeting – February 18, 2009

The Woodland School

9:30 a.m.

Mr. Celebre

- Mr. Celebre noted that February 19th was the “100th Day” at Woodland
 - o Activities are planned for students
 - o 100th, 200th and 300th students named in a.m. announcements
- He spoke about the Winter Fair
 - o He will continue to announce the date and event highlights during a.m. announcements
 - o There is no snow date, and all are hoping for a clear day
- International Day was a success
 - o Great media coverage and he wrote a thank you to Denis Kelly at the Echo Sentinel
- Senior Citizen visits were changed to the dress rehearsal of the School Play
 - o In the future, it was suggested that grandparents may want to attend the rehearsal too
- Recess Rocks is having some issues with kids throwing balls at younger students
 - o A suggestion to move the ball playing to one side was made

Approve January Minutes

- Motion by Aileen Glickman
- 2nd by Tracy Dario
- Minutes were approved

Teacher Liaisons – Mrs. Ryan

- International Day
 - o Well organized and lots of learning
 - o No suggestions for changes from the teachers
- Winter Fair
 - o Teachers are generously providing a basket of books and a Borders Gift Card
 - o Teachers plan to participate in the dunk tank and games

Food Days

- Nutritional Guidelines were discussed
 - o No candy is to be given out at school nor any snack with sugar as the 1st ingredient
 - o Mrs. Stambaugh will check on the definition for birthday parties, i.e. cupcakes
 - o She mentioned that students are throwing away lunch for ice cream

- It is important to know that if a child does not have a lunch a paraprofessional must be notified so the child can call home
- February 11 – Pasta Day
 - o The order form from January 28th was used
 - o The PTO will refund any student who did not receive any lunch – there were 7
 - o There were questions about how the PTO should apply the credits from snow days since it doesn't come up every time they would log into pay
 - o Maria Seckler is going to check with the Food Day system

Winter Fair – February 21st – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Teacher Raffles - \$2 each and can be purchased at the Fair
- Idea suggested to donate raffle prizes to underprivileged community

Read Across America Day

- The Middle School generously sent us a bin of donated books for the 4th and 5th graders
- A Volunteer Flyer went out in the W@W for RAAD
- There is a committee meeting on February 19th
- The Read-a-thon is in full swing and is instrumental in getting students to read more this month

International Day Recap

- On February 12th Woodland School was on the front page
- The PTO Bulletin Board will be decorated with “thank you” notes, photos and the front page of the paper
- Ann Marie Mulhauser put photos on a CD for each country and gave the school and PTO a copy
- Kids, staff and parents had a great day
- This will be an annual tradition at Woodland with different countries represented each year

Dine Around

- It is being held this evening of the PTO meeting
- It is at Stewart’s Root Beer with 15% of sales donated to Woodland
- There are similar events scheduled through June

Casino Night

- There will be a full dinner and open bar at this fun filled event
- Donations are coming in and are appreciated, as well as sponsors

YMCA After School Clubs

- These will start the week of March 23rd
- The same programs will be offered as in the past
- A Hip Hop class is a possibility for Mondays but Wednesday is an alternative

- The PTO is open to other club suggestions as well

Smart Boards

- The 5th Grade Smart Boards will be installed in March

District Budget

- The vote is scheduled for April 21st
- Volunteers are needed for this committee
- Cheryl Opell and Luisa Young will attend February's PTO President's Meeting to strategize
- The BOE Budget Meeting will be on March 31st at 7 p.m. to discuss potential cuts
 - o This meeting will be held at the Warren Middle School Library

New Principal Search

- The search has been narrowed down from 60 resumes to 8 candidates
- The BOE interviews will take place on March 16th
- There will be a 2nd BOE Meeting in March to announce the new principal
- The new principal will begin on July 1, 2009

Young Authors Day

- This is a great day enrichment program for authors, illustrators, and writers to come to Woodland and share their talents with our students
- It will take place on May 15th
- Volunteers are needed to work on presentations, set up, clean up, etc.

Incoming Kindergarteners

- Registration will take place on March 4th
- Orientation will take place on May 7th
- Pat Wurst is coordinating an effort in which upcoming Kindergarten students and their parents can have an additional day in June at the school
 - o New students would enjoy a craft and a tour of the school in smaller groups
 - o Volunteers are needed
 - o This will be a new way of relieving some of the anxiety associated with this stepping stone