

## **Minutes**

**PTO Meeting – November 19, 2008**

**The Woodland School**

**9:30 a.m.**

*The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Jill Larson, PTO Co-President*

### **Linda Strand – Lice Be Gone**

- Ms. Strand, R.N. gave tips to everyone in attendance on the treatment of lice
- She discussed and offered tips on prevention, detection and treatment
- Parents learned the difference between a nit, nymph and adult lice
- She was open to all questions and suggests contacting her directly with questions
- For more information visit [www.licebegone.net](http://www.licebegone.net)

### **Teacher Liaison**

- Mrs. Brower attended the meeting
- She thanked Jill Larson for the delicious and thoughtful meals she made for the teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences this past month
- There are staff members interested in purchasing fleeces and they should contact Bonnie Heuvelman
- Mrs. Brower noted that the staff had a great time at Mom's Night 911

### **Mr. Hansen**

- Mr. Hansen could not attend the morning meeting
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class was performing their rehearsed play in the APR for local Senior Citizens
- Mr. Hansen was attending the show

### **Treasurer**

- Rebecca Keenan noted one change in the budget regarding the SmartBoards
- Jacqui Mandelbaum mentioned the BOE involvement in the budget change and their donations towards the Smartboards
- Instead of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade boards being installed in November 2009, they will be installed in February 2009
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Smartboards will be installed in November 2009
- A vote to approve this expenditure will be held at the January 2009 PTO Meeting

### **Mom's Night 911**

- Bessie Piro was a co-chair of the event and spoke about the evening
- Mom's and guests had a great time and the hair show was a success
- The event made approximately \$3,900

### **Craft Day**

- Debbie Vetter spoke about the upcoming Saturday event
- 54 children are signed up so far
- There will be 7 crafts made by each child
- These include baseball hats, potholders, mirrors, soup in a jar, wooden clocks, candles with sand art and holiday wreaths
- The event will take place from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### **International Day**

- Christine Prinzivalli spoke about the event on January 30
- There will be 5 countries represented – China, India, Portugal, Ireland and Mexico
- Many parents have given great feedback and are making donations in the way of food, decorations and time on the day of the event
- Volunteers are still needed for crafts and other activities
- The students will be surprised by the creative ideas they will see that day
- Each student will be given a passport with their picture on it – students will have their passport stamped at each country
- Authentic food from each country represented
- Information on things such as currency, government, and the culture of each country
- Mrs. Stambaugh will list food and all ingredients to parents with a child with food allergies
- Jacqui Mandelbaum mentioned that the current budget of \$500 is low to provide crafts and food for over 420 people
- She suggested increasing the budget to \$1000
- A motion to pass this increase was made by Aileen Glickman and seconded by Anne Marie Muhlhauser
- Jacqui also thanked Christine and her team for all their hard work

### **Dine Around**

- Christine Prinzivalli spoke about the success of this new initiative and the positive feedback she has received
- These nights are a great time for Woodland families to see each other outside the school and relax while enjoying a reasonably priced meal
- The PTO has made a profit on the percentage of receipts from each night
- America on Rye - \$90, Burger King - \$200
- The upcoming dates for each month will be listed in W@W

### **Social Action Committee**

- Susan Reale spoke for the committee which has been hard at work
- The Fall Coat Drive collected over 50 coats
- The bins are filling up for the "Support our Troops" drive to send supplies to Iraq
- The deadline for this was extended to the first week of December

### **School Budget Committee**

- Jill Larson and Jacqui Mandelbaum took turns discussing this important committee
- They are looking for someone to co-chair the "Get out the Vote" campaign
- It is important to the school that the Budget pass
- If it does pass, Woodland School will receive \$10,000 for Smartboards from the BOE
- In the past field trips and teacher availability have been affected by the failure of the Budget
- The commitment to co-chair is minimal because there is already a plan in place
- The BOE may be handling the mailings to local pre-schools
- Some envelope stuffing and sign distribution are the main duties
- Anyone interested please contact Jill or Jacqui

### **Food Days**

- Ordering for January/February starts on December 1, 2008
- There has been one vendor change and Ciro's will now provide the students with Hot Sub Day
- The restaurant is closer and easier to work with due to proximity
- Food Days have been very profitable this year
- There was a suggestion on Ice Cream Days for a Soy or Non-Dairy substitute
- Jacqui Mandelbaum was going to research this possibility

### **Woodland Walks**

- There have been a few small changes to the program this year
- Grades will walk together (i.e. K and 1st, 2nd and 3rd, ) and students will earn miles as a class
- The class with the most miles within a grade will be announced by Mr. Hansen
- The first WWD was on November 18 and it worked well for both the students and the volunteers
- Students will walk once a month
- Please consider volunteering next month

### **All Other Business**

- There was no other business at this time