



Woodland School District 50 PTA January PTA General Meeting Minutes

January 20th, 2022 9:30 am

Welcome

- Welcome from PTA President Kristin Michna

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed and approved PTA Financials through December 31, 2021
- Reviewed and approved PTA Meeting Minutes from December meeting

PTA Updates

- School Funds update:
 - Principal funds - motion approved to transfer 50% of the funds under Cultural Arts & Enrichment and move them to the Principal discretionary funds. This is a budget modification for this school year only. This will allow the Principals to use these funds in other ways in the schools.
 - This is a quick reminder of other funds available for the schools:
 - Mini Grants
 - Library
 - Health Grants
- Upcoming events/fundraisers:
 - Little Caesar's fundraiser - kicked off January 18th. Orders will ship directly to families, no pick ups needed!
 - Virtual Game Night (Among Us) - Friday, January 28th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Sign Up link has been shared for families to sign up their children and volunteer.
- Spring events status:
 - International Night - this event will be canceled this year. We are hoping to bring this back for the next school year.
 - Spring Dance - looking to do a virtual event this year to still have an event for families.
- Open positions
 - For 2022-2023 School year:
 - Teacher Appreciation Lunch- this is for this school year. It is scheduled for May 6th. We are looking for a coordinator for this event. We are going to bring in lunch for the teachers. This involves coordinating with the schools and food orders/delivery. Anna Chang-Yen has offered to help.
 - PTA Calendar - help coordinate items needed for the 2022-2023 PTA Calendar. The work starts in the spring to get artwork collected from the

schools. The remainder of the work is over the summer to prepare the calendar in June-July and coordinate with PTA chairs and the schools for key dates. Anna has helped before and is happy to help the next person to work on this.

- Book Fair Chair - if anybody is interested, we are now looking for people to help with these next year. We are hoping to have one for each school to coordinate with Scholastic, get the schedule and hopefully have some in person again. Time commitment varies depending on how many days the book fairs are held.

Administrative Reports

- Primary
 - Institute day to welcome back teachers. Focusing on implementing purposeful play right now. Read the book “Serious Fun” together and we are making sure to use play to meet the standards. Looking to purchase some new kits for the school to help this initiative. Gearing up for incoming students next year. Kindergarten options night coming up February 8th (virtual). Registration will be opening March 1st virtually. Looking forward to Valentine’s day parties. Also creating valentines for local senior centers.

- Elementary East/West
 - A lot going on at Elementary right now! Staff working hard on unifying East and West buildings. Presented a plan to the board to have a centralized office to help with this. Teacher institute day last week. Great training for dual language and mono teachers reviewed data from the testing last month. 5 Essentials survey coming up for the district. This feedback helps the schools. Looking forward to Valentine’s Day parties. Changed parties to February 11th in order to avoid having the parties on the same days as Shield testing. Going to raise money to diversify classroom libraries. Music concerts will be virtual this year. Planning for Latino literacy.

- Intermediate
 - No update this meeting

- Middle School
 - No update this meeting

- District Updates (Dr. Machak)
 - Looking to expand testing options throughout the community. Had a community testing event before the holidays (345 attendees) and another event before returning to school (450 attendees). Woodland was one of the first schools in Lake County to implement the Test to Stay program. Looking to have another vaccination clinic and more testing events for the community.

- Warren Township Youth Services (Adam Krieger)
 - Expanding internship opportunities. Workshop coming up on February 9th - “The No Worries Guide to Raising Your Child”. This is a great opportunity coming up for families.

Open Discussion

A few items came up:

- Do we know how many individuals have been able to stay in school with the Test to Stay program?
 - Dr. Machak provided some information that this has impacted about 130 individuals. Of these, 2% tested positive for Covid.
- Some families have mentioned that they would rather donate instead of participating in some of the fundraisers.
 - We are looking into a way to make this an easier process for families.

Next Meeting - February 17th at 7:00 pm via Zoom

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