



Woodland School District 50 PTA General Meeting Minutes

October 17th, 2019 10:00 am

Welcome

- Welcome from PTA Co-Presidents Joanne Strelzyk and Kristin Michna
- Approved the September meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report - Stephanie Ingram

- Update on Financials through September 30
- Review of audit completed
 - Reviewed financials through 6/30/19
 - Will need to appoint a new audit committee in May 2020

Administrative Reports

- Primary
 - Book fair was held during curriculum night. Recently held the Hee-Haw event for EC/WELE. Staff spent Institute day reviewing MAP data and the topic of play for EC/Kindergarten. The Halloween parade and parties will be held 10/25.
- Elementary East
 - PBIS night was last week and was attended by over 425 families. The Gurnee Fire and Police were there as well as Streets and Sanitation. The Farm Bureau and Pie in the Principals' face were also popular parts of the evening. The school also managed to collect 20 boxes of food donations for the food bank. 11/1 will be the ROAR rally and 1st grade concert. Halloween parties will be held 10/30.
- Elementary West - no update
- Intermediate
 - Recently had events for Cultural Arts and the Dual Program. PBIS night was re-scheduled on 10/1. Working on a partnership for Kids Hope. Halloween parties will be held 11/1. 2nd Step program will be starting in the next 1-2 weeks.

- Middle School
 - The school has been ordering lots of stress balls lately. These have been very popular with the ROAR store. Sean Murphy has been sending out the Schoology daily announcements. These include a link to the PTA website and we can also include additional information, if needed. Fall Fest will be 10/25.

President's Report - Joanne and Kristin

- Coffee with the Principals
 - For this year, we budgeted for each Principal to have 2 coffees (\$40 each).
- Email Scams
 - There were recently some instances of email scams for Joanne's name with PTA requests. The PTA is working to resolve this and could end up shutting down the current email address.
 - A reminder to PTA members -- the PTA will not ask anyone over email for requests for money or gift cards. Any request of this nature would be in person or over the phone.
- Vacancy on PTA Board
 - The Vice President position for the PTA is currently vacant. We will look for a replacement mid year or towards the end of the school year.
- World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser
 - The date for orders has been extended to 10/17.
 - Pick up for orders will be on 11/8 (5:30-8:00 pm) and 11/9 (9:00 am-12:00 pm).
- ROAR Run
 - Despite the weather forecast, the event was a huge success!
 - 450 runners registered in advance and there were an additional 50 that registered the day of the event.
 - School participation:
 - Intermediate had the highest # registered
 - Elementary West had the highest % registered.
 - The ROAR run is looking for new committee members for next year.
- Dunkfest is taking place 10/18
- Reflections will be held 10/24 at 6:30 pm at Intermediate.
 - Due date for the upcoming contest will be 12/6.
- Winter Accessories Drive

- We are looking to have a drive for items such as hats, gloves and boots this year. We will be seeking new or gently used items. More information to come shortly on this after the needs of each school are determined.
- PTA Memberships
 - Elementary East is the leader with 41.6% of staff/teachers having a PTA membership.

Fundraising Updates

- Recent fundraisers:
 - Wendy's - \$370
 - Chili's - \$245

Mini Grants Update

- We have not received very many requests since the last meeting for mini grants.
- Just a reminder, teachers must have a PTA membership in order to submit a mini grant.

Committee Updates

- Family Game Night - NEW
 - This unplugged family event is scheduled for 11/15 at 6:30 pm at Intermediate. More information will be coming out soon to announce more details for this new event.
- Book Fairs
 - Middle School Book Fair will be 11/4-11/8. There are a good number of volunteers signed up at this time. Middle School students are encouraged to bring their book fair \$ with them to school.
 - Still looking for help with the Primary and Intermediate book fairs.
- Holiday Shop
 - The next committee meeting will be 10/23 at 6:30 pm at McAllisters.
 - Holiday Shop will be 12/12-12/13 at Intermediate. More information to come as the event approaches.
- International Night
 - Meeting is scheduled on 10/21 with the PBIS group at the Middle School to get started on the planning for this event.
- Dance
 - The dance this year will have a new theme, Hollywood.
- Supply Packs

- We are starting to prepare for Supply Packs for next year. At this time, we will be renewing our contract with EPI and starting to work with the schools to understand what changes need to be made for the school supply lists.
- Bulletin Boards
 - These are all set right now. The parent volunteers are doing a great job updating the boards at each school.
- Little Caesar's - NEW
 - This fundraiser will run 12/16 through 1/10. Pick up will be 1/24, right before the Superbowl.
 - Items include cookie dough and pizzas.

Open Discussion

- There have been some recent questions regarding Spirit Wear orders. The items are expected to arrive today and tomorrow and orders should be delivered to students the week of 10/21.

Our next meeting will be an evening event on November 14th at 6:30 pm (Educational Support Center).

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~Nelson Mandela