



Woodland School District 50 PTA General Meeting Minutes

December 12th, 2019

10:00 am

Welcome

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

Treasurer's Report

- Update on Financials through November 30th

Administrative Reports

- Primary
 - The Latino Literacy series has recently wrapped up after 10 weeks. There was a 93% turnout for conferences in November. Primary collected \$700 for the food bank fundraiser. They were able to help out 6 families as well with a food basket, clothing, etc. Mr. Frank will be retiring at the end of December.
- Elementary East
 - Elementary East was also successful in getting donations for the food drive. There was 90% turnout for conferences in November. The school made 657 cards for Holiday Home for the Heroes to send them to those in the Service. 2nd and 3rd grade had a choir concert. Cultural Arts event scheduled to include Math/Science, a Juggler and a Cartoon Craft. Latino Literacy will start in January. The highest seller from Worlds Finest Chocolate was from EE for \$960.
- Elementary West
 - Elementary West was able to raise \$3000 for the food drive. This was the most from the schools. They were able to raise \$1100 from the couch potato fundraising events as well. The school was able to adopt 5 families and a local business also helped to support a family. After school care activities include ORPHCat, STEM and a pilot program for VR (Virtual Reality) with goggles. Outside presenters came in for the last SIP day to work with the teachers.

- Intermediate
 - The ROAR store is up and running for use with Wildcat cash. Will be having the first meeting to plan the ROAR assembly. Focus will be on team building and games. Holiday Shop is currently happening in the Multi Purpose Room. The Food drive was at INT last night. CATS program is now up and running (started last week) before school. This is the first time INT has participated in Shop with an Educator. They were almost able to fill a bus!

- Middle School
 - The Middle School also was successful in the Food Drive. The school put a lot of effort into this and was able to collect \$1700. The students were very involved and were allowed special dress days (such as a hoodie) if they brought in a donation. 21% of families participated in the 5 Essentials survey at conferences. The new location for the book fair worked out well. Choir concert tonight at MS. We are now in the planning stages of the community service night planned for during the spring open house. Some of the projects and groups represented will be Wagging Hearts, Operation Gratitude, Ronald McDonald house. Author Candace Fleming recent came in to meet with the lunch book club. Warren Screenagers is planned for 2/18.

2020 Census - Guest Speakers Brooke Hagstrom and Steve Thomas

- The Census Bureau will be conducting a census in 2020. They will be trying to get as accurate a count as possible. The counts will have an impact on the Federal funding that the school district receives.
- More information will be posted on the district pages to help encourage as many families to participate as possible.

President's Report - Joanne and Kristin

- Family Unplugged Game Night
 - We will be hosting another event in January -- looking at 1/17 or 1/31.
- Reflections submissions are due 12/13
- Good Night, Sleep Tight
- Holiday Shop
- Elementary East Staff Breakfast was moved to 12/19
- Little Caesar's
 - Flyers are coming out soon. Orders will be due 1/10.
 - These items are perishable and must be picked up during the pick up event. Any items left over will be donated.
- PTA Survey
 - The PTA has set up a Survey Monkey account. We are planning to use this to survey families on how to best communicate with the community and also to survey our volunteers following PTA events.

- Clothing Drive has been extended through January.

Fundraising Updates

- McAlister's - \$183
- BBQ'd Productions - \$129
- Yankee Candle - \$51 (more likely coming)

Mini Grants Update

Committee Updates

- Book Fairs
- International Night - 21 families have signed up
- Dance - Hollywood theme planned for this year's event
- Bulletin Boards
- Supply Packs - looking to finalize supply lists in January

Open Discussion

Our next Meeting will be January 23rd at 10:00 am (Educational Support Center)

[Contact dist50pta@gmail.com for more information or questions.](mailto:dist50pta@gmail.com)

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.”

~Fred Rogers