



## Woodland School District 50 PTA General Meeting Minutes

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September 26, 2019 10:00 am & 6:45 pm

### Welcome

- Welcome from PTA Co-Presidents Joanne Strelzyk and Kristin Michna
- May meeting minutes were approved

### Treasurer's Report - Stephanie Ingram

- Approved Financials as of June 30, 2019 (2018/2019)
- Approved Budget for 2019-2020 school year

### Board Member Introductions

Joanne Strelzyk	Co-President
Kristin Michna	Co-President
Kelly Cowell	Vice President
Stephanie Ingram	Treasurer
Kelly Sisulak	Secretary

### Administrative Reports

Thank you to the Principals and Schools for providing updates on recent happenings and upcoming plans. Here is a recap of what was reviewed:

- Primary
  - Early Start program had 85 students this summer. This program targets skills, helps the students prevent the summer slide and prepares them for Kindergarten. This was the 2nd summer of early entrance for Kindergarten. 16 students born after the 9/1 cut off date were assessed and 5 started Kindergarten this fall. Welcome appointments had an 84% attendance rate this year. Curriculum nights were a success. This school year includes a new block of solid play time for the students.

- Elementary East
  - The PBIS theme for this year is “Under the Sea.” Restorative practices were introduced at the first ROAR rally. EE is looking into Cultural Arts programs for this year. Curriculum nights were successful, despite the weather for 2nd grade’s night. 300+ popsicles were served at the Popsicles with the Principals event. Bus evacuation drills are underway this week and have been going smoothly. PBIS night is going to be 10/10. EE is continuing their Choir and STEM programs this year.
  
- Elementary West
  - The PBIS these for this year is “Teamwork makes the ROAR work.” Goals for this year are to continue with high expectations and restorative practices. The meet n greet and curriculum nights were well attended. There is a lot of excitement around the book vending machine at the school. The 1st grade music program is coming up and planning is underway for the Veteran’s Day program. Sign ups are also starting for the Senior Readers program.
  
- Intermediate
  - The 1st ROAR assembly was amazing this year! The kids were very engaged with Corey the Dribbler (former Harlem Globetrotter team member). For additional information about Corey, please visit <https://www.academicentertainment.com/dribbler>). PBIS night was cancelled due to the fire alarm. The event has been rescheduled for 10/1. The newsletter is now in blog format. The recent blog had 1,000 people read it. Information for intramurals can now be found online in the virtual backpack, this includes permission slips (<https://www.dist50.net/Page/1541>).
  
- Middle School
  - School is working with the PTA for Red Ribbon week. The Cultural Arts team has started to look into programs. The first PBIS monthly parent meeting focused on Schoology. Attendance was up from last year for this event, hope attendance continues to grow as these topics are discussed. Looking into changing the format for open house in the spring (possibly splitting up 6/7th grades from 8th grade) and include a service opportunity. International Night will be back in February.
  
- Lori Casey - District Updates
  - On Friday, 9/27, Intermediate Principal Derek Straight will be attending an Education Attendance Awareness event at CLC. The Intermediate school placed in the top 10 for schools of their size (650+ students). Students from the school will also be attending. Congratulations, Intermediate!

- An email was recently sent from Brooke Hooker regarding how the District is working with the Lake County Health Department about EtO. There will be a meeting about this topic on 10/2 at 6:30 pm at CLC.
- Life in the W - The new brand kicked off this summer! The Branding committee is looking for volunteers that would like to help continue the efforts. If you are interested in participating, please contact Brooke Hooker, Communications Manager, at [bhooker@dist50.net](mailto:bhooker@dist50.net).

### **President's Report - Joanne and Kristin**

- World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser
  - Pick up for orders will be 11/8 (5:30-8:00 pm) and 11/9 (9:00 am-noon). Larger orders will be pre-packed, smaller orders will be set up in a market day format.
  - Our goal is \$45,000 in sales for this year.
- ROAR Run
  - ROAR run is 9/27, rain or shine! Packet pick up is 9/26 from 5:00-7:00 pm on race day. 1 mile race kicks off at 5:15 pm, 1 mile will start around 5:30/5:45 pm
- Dunkfest (2nd annual)
  - Dunkfest will be 10/18 at the Middle School. Teams will be by gender and grade.
  - Early registration ends 9/30, for a \$25 discount on the team price
  - Concessions will be available and there will also be a student DJ and Video Game truck.
- Reflections
  - Awards and Art Show will be 10/24 at 6:30 pm in the Intermediate School Library.
- Family Unplugged - New event for this year!
  - We are looking to work with Gamewright Games to have a family game night. The company will provide us with games to play and they will also be available for purchase on site. 50% of the proceeds go back to the PTA.
  - Tentative date for this event on Friday, 11/15 in the Intermediate cafeteria.
  - More information to come soon as the planning gets underway.

### **Fundraising Updates**

- Recent fundraisers:
  - MOD Pizza - \$241
  - Wendy's - \$240
  - Jimmy John's - \$1,000 (total was \$982 but they rounded up!)
- Upcoming fundraisers:
  - Wendy's (10/2)

- Chili's (10/3--10/4)

### Mini Grants

- We have increased the budget for this year from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per school for the mini grants. Teachers can apply for these to help purchase additional items for the classroom.
- Considerations for Mini Grants:
  - Teachers must be a current PTA member
  - PTA will reimburse up to \$100
  - Looking for items that can be used for many students and last more than a school year
  - Items are property of the school
- Here are some of the requests that have been received so far this year:
  - EE: Books for Art Class, Rug for Classroom, Classroom Chairs
  - INT: Headphones for Dual Language
  - MS: Online Subscription

### Open positions

- Book Fairs
  - We are looking for committee members for the Primary and Intermediate book fairs. This is a great opportunity to get a group together. The fall book fairs are done for PRI, EE, EW, and INT. The Middle School book fair will be in November.
  - Book fairs are typically in the evenings with the exception of some schools have the students shop during the day. The kids love to see their family members when they come through the book fair with their class.
  - If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please reach out to [dist50pta@gmail.com](mailto:dist50pta@gmail.com).
- Supply Packs
  - We are looking for committee members for the Supply Packs. This is one of our larger PTA fundraisers. Here is an overview of what is entailed for Supply Packs:
    - Fall/Winter - Work with the Principals to get the supply lists for each grade (Dual and Mono). Send lists to EPI (Educational Products Inc.) to get the quotes for costs on the needed supply packs.
    - Spring - Families can begin to place orders through EPI's site through mid-June.
    - August - availability to assist at Proof of Residency.
  - If you are interested in helping with Supply Packs, please reach out to [dist50ptasec@gmail.com](mailto:dist50ptasec@gmail.com).

### New forming committees

- Dance
  - The dance will be moving from the previous Mardi Gras theme to a Hollywood theme. The dance budget was increased this year to allow the committee to get the new theme off the ground.
  - Dance will be 3/7 and is for K-5 students and their families.
  - If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please reach out to [Kmicznadist50@yahoo.com](mailto:Kmicznadist50@yahoo.com).
  
- World's Finest Chocolate
  - We are looking for committee members that are interested in working on this other large PTA fundraiser. WFC has a good amount of work involved that can be done from home, such as entering in the orders.
  - If you are interested in helping with WFC, please contact Joanne at [dist50pta@gmail.com](mailto:dist50pta@gmail.com).
  
- Holiday Shop
  - Planning is under way for the Holiday Shop this year.
  - More information to come soon.
  
- International Night
  - International Night will be 2/7/20 at the Middle School.
  - If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please reach out to [Kmicznadist50@yahoo.com](mailto:Kmicznadist50@yahoo.com).
  
- Bulletin Boards
  - This is a great volunteer opportunity for someone that has a little time to give and wants to work within their schedule. We are currently looking for volunteers to help maintain the bulletin boards at Elementary East and Intermediate schools.
  - If you are interested in helping, please reach out to [Kmicznadist50@yahoo.com](mailto:Kmicznadist50@yahoo.com).
  
- Little Caesar's
  - This is a new fundraiser for this year.
  - Items will be available for purchase with proceeds going back to the PTA.
  - More information to come soon. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please reach out to [Kmicznadist50@yahoo.com](mailto:Kmicznadist50@yahoo.com).

### **Open Discussion**

- No additional topics were reviewed at the meetings.

**Next Meeting will be October 17th at 10:00 am (Educational Support Center)**

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

**“Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try.” ~ Dr. Seuss**