

Woodland Elementary PTO Meeting

Date 11/2/2023 | time 5:04 pm
Meeting called to order by Katie Buckingham
Woodland Media Center

In Attendance

Nicole Mangian
Katie Buckingham
Cortney Hillmer
Carrie Jack
Kelli Pirtle
Ezra Tenko
Laura Daniels
Brenda Chinn
Rebecca McKoon
Nicole Morrill
Chelsey Gray
Samantha Friedman
Patricia Kierbach

Secretary's Report:

Woodland PTO Secretary, Nicole Mangian, reviewed the minutes from the August 24, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve by Nicole Morrill, seconded by Chelsey Gray.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Pirtle reported that in the library, Ms. Mary has logged over 9,500 books with the help of student leaders. 4th and 5th graders participate in this program- cafe crew, office helpers, and library leaders. A plan for a 3rd grade program is coming. Movie night is coming in April. Refunds were given for the interactive bags from the fall movie night that was canceled due to weather. The same movie, Ratatouille, will be shown in April and interactive bags will be available for purchase again. Picture retakes are on Monday, November 6th. Class pictures will be taken then, too. Parent teacher conferences went well. Woodland Snows Kindness will be starting and the name has been changed from Giving Tree to this to be more inclusive of all students. Mrs. Pirtle thanked the PTO for the dinner provided during conferences. It was well received from the teachers. The Woodland Food Drive is still going on. It is sponsored by Mrs. Smith's class and supports the Glen Ed. Pantry. The school has an attendance goal for 90% of students to be present 90% of the time. There are incentives for attendance including the golden spatula award.

Committee Reports

Bookcats/Library Update:

Chelsey Gray reported the Bobcat Bulletin is being sent home every month and will explain what's going on with reading in the school. Lending lockers recently began. There are lockers in each grade level hallway. Kids can take books and leave books as they wish. Books are not required to be returned. Teachers are encouraged to send kids to the lending locker if they need additional reading materials. The book fair is coming up. The Book Bash is coming up on December 14. Kids are encouraged to read these realistic fiction books: 3rd Grade- Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid by Megan McDonald, 4th Grade- The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf, 5th Grade- The Vanderbeekers of 141st St by Karina Yan Glaser. Kids are highly encouraged to read but are able to participate in the Book Bash either way. It will occur during lunch and be a fun book discussion. There are copies of the books in the library and in the Hoopla app in the Edwardsville Library. Caught reading tickets were given out today. Teachers catch kids reading and kids get a ticket. Teachers give the tickets out however they want to support reading in their classrooms. 68 Prize bags were given out today by the Bookcats committee. The committee is keeping track of the books kids are reading and there is a school goal of 1000 books. Jill Martin made a display of all the books kids are reading as new books are read in the school. There are 2 work days coming up in the library to update books. On this work day, they will look through older material and replace some new nonfiction. There is a goal to make sure fiction is up to date and diversified so there is more diversity and with authors. Mrs. Kierbach said the teachers would like to give recommendations for books to go along with the new social studies curriculum. Chelsey Gray encouraged all teachers to give recommendations for books they would like to see in the library.

Bobcat Prowl:

Nicole Mangian reported that the Bobcat Prowl took place on Wednesday, Oct 11, after the original date was changed due to rainy weather. The new location on the Field Hockey field worked well this year and the student all had a great time. A total of \$26,815 was raised. Nicole thanked all of the family business sponsors, community sponsors, and Woodland families for their donations to the Bobcat Prowl fundraiser.

Book Fair:

Katie Buckingham reported that the fall book fair is set for December 4- December 8 and set up will occur at the end of the week before the fair begins.

Teacher Appreciation:

Katie Buckingham reported that the PTO provided dinner during parent teacher conferences earlier this week. Dinner was provided by Joe's Pizza and Pasta. Each month the teacher appreciation committee will do something to show appreciation to staff. A countdown to break will occur with small gifts coming up.

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Movie Night:

Katie Buckingham reported movie night has been rescheduled for April 12, 2024.

Woodland Snows Kindness:

Nicole Mangian reported Woodland Snows Kindness (formerly called Giving Tree) is underway. Forms were sent home with all Woodland students last week and are due back on November 7th. Students who choose to participate will choose a tag on November 15 and be responsible for purchasing the time on the tag.

Yearbook:

Katie Buckingham shared an update from Janet Scheller. The photographer company and Herff Jones (yearbook) are working together to get the photos from one platform to another. We will design the cover and the book at the same time, closer to March. The sales will begin in February and they will send fliers and promoted materials in January to the school.

Maker Space:

Carrie Jack reported that teachers are doing a project, different than previous years. Maker Space donations are still welcome.

Book Club: Katie Buckingham reported that last year, the EHS National Honor Society did an event with our students which was a success. We are doing a new event this year. The book is *The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe*. This is a free event which will occur on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 2:15-3:15 where the high school students will come to Woodland to lead a discussion and activity with the Woodland participants. Space is limited. The book is on the library's website and on Amazon for purchase.

President's Report:

Katie Buckingham reported there is interest in creating a committee to determine a project the PTO could do for the school, something for the playground, for example.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Carrie Jack gave the following report:

Income generated since last meeting:

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| - Bobcat Prowl Fundraiser | \$22,712 (net) (still missing banner invoice) |
| - Corporate Match | \$113 |
| - School Kidz/School Supplies | \$152 |
| - Yearbook | \$236 |

Expenses since the last meeting:

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| - Agendas | \$1,522 |
| - Classroom Educational Materials | \$1,628 |
| - Staff Appreciaton- Principal | \$132 |
| - Teacher's Lounge | \$17 |
| - Movie Night | \$1,407 (screen rental & movie license) |

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- Maker Space \$156
- Recess Equipment \$115
- Classroom Recess Equipment \$1144 (Castle classrooms may use their funds as appropriate for their students' needs)
- Librarika \$139
- Insurance \$356
- Miscellaneous \$7,075 (book fair invoice from this past spring)

Financial Update:

Actual Revenue (Income) \$23,212

Actual Expense (Expense) \$13,703

Actual ADJ Cash Balance \$33,863

Adjustments to the budget: Katie reported that some extra funds we have will be given to each grade for a one-time grade level project. Each grade level will receive \$400. Motion to move money from dog tags/reading promotion to Miscellaneous for these grade level projects. The unappropriated money may be moved around in the future based on what PTO project is decided. Motion to approve budget by Brenda Chinn. Motion to second by Nicole Morrill.

There were no additional comments or questions.

Motion to adjourn at 5:40pm, Nicole Morrill motioned, Laura Daniels seconded.

The next PTO meeting will take place on Thursday, February 1 2024, at 5:00pm in the Woodland Media Center. Please contact Nicole Mangian at nicole.mangian@gmail.com with any questions.