

Woodland Elementary School PTO Minutes
8.31.2022

Meeting called to order by Janelle Nativi, President, at 6:03pm in the Woodland Media Center

In Attendance

Janelle Nativi
Katie Buckingham
Carrie Jack
Nicole Mangian
Ashley Spaulding
Stephanie Warner
Carrie Kistner
Gretchen Hertz
Virginia Gentry
Brenda Chinn
Lauren Lawson
Julie Wilkinson
Shaina Glass
Holly Brown
Kelli Pirtle
Andy Williams
Emily Webb

Secretary's Report: Woodland PTO Secretary, Nicole Mangian, reviewed the minutes from the April 2022 meeting. Approved by Katie Buckingham, seconded by Carrie Kistner.

Principal's Report: Ms. Pirtle expressed thanks to the PTO for the donuts provided during the first week of school and for the new recess equipment passed out to each classroom teacher this week.

Upcoming Events: Bobcat Prowl- donations will be collected beginning next week. Bobcat Prowl Day October 6th.

Accelerated Reader (AR) Report: Katie Buckingham reported that licenses have been purchased and Janelle is in the process of inputting student names into the system. Katie is hoping for AR to be up and running after the Labor Day holiday weekend. Students can begin taking tests in September. The first store will be after the Columbus Day long weekend. Katie reported the AR store moved upstairs this year and is located right off of the library. Exact dates for the October AR store will be determined in September and volunteers will be needed each

month for the store. The AR store is 2 days each month, approximately 8:30-1:00 both days. Volunteers may continue filling out forms for volunteering. Forms must be filled out and approved before volunteering. Janelle and Katie gave a brief overview of what AR is- students read a book, log into the system and take a test in the AR system. Points are given for the number of correct responses on the test. Students may “shop” in the store each month and choose a prize based on how many points they have earned. Students will come home with their login information so they may take tests from home. Mrs. Hertz and Katie explained March Madness for AR. 2 books have been chosen each month as a fun way to encourage reading. A variety of topics, genres, and characters was chosen for all of the March Madness books. The PTO has purchased many copies of each book- books are in the library, AR room, or classrooms. There is a bracket system for March Madness for students to vote on the books that are their favorite and they can see how the books’ popularity ranks in the school and see the winning books on a bracket displayed in the lobby.

Bobcat Prowl: Janelle reported that the Bobcat Prowl kicks off next week. This is Woodland’s one big fundraiser of the year. Packets will be sent home next week with students. Flat donations are collected and brought back to school for the PTO to purchase items for the school. Bobcat Prowl Day will occur on October 6 on the Lincoln track. Parents may come watch their student’s class run and walk around the track. The grand prize will be a bounce house and popsicle party with Ms. Pirtle and Dr. Williams. Spirit wear will be the other prizes students can earn. A t-shirt design contest will be held. Students will design the shirts and students will vote on the winning design. Corporate donations will be collected and parents are encouraged to see if their company may do a corporate donation match. Volunteers will be needed during the Prowl on October 6 to hand out snacks and bracelets during the race.

Movie Night: Carrie Jack reported there will be a movie night on October 14th with a 7:00 start time. This is an outdoor movie for Woodland families and will be held in the playground area.

Teacher Appreciation: Carrie Jack reported that donuts were provided to the teachers the first week of school. Scooters donated the coffee. The next teacher appreciation will be in October and a dinner will be provided during parent teacher conferences.

Spirit Wear: Link will be sent out in the next couple of weeks for families to purchase spirit wear. Ms. Pirtle reported that beanies and breakaway lanyards (for student IDs) are new items being discussed.

Book Fair: Janelle reported the winter Book Fair will be held December 5-9. There will be a lot of volunteer needs for the book fair. Sign ups for volunteering will be sent out in mid November. Spring Book Fair will be held May 1st-5th. E-Wallet will be available this year, too, for families who do not want to send cash for the book fair. Erica Bash and Heather Johnson are Book Fair co-chairs.

Janelle reported that chairs/co-chairs are needed for Yearbook, Maker Space and Field Day. Thank you to those who volunteered during the meeting!

Yearbook: Carrie Kistner, Shaina Glass, and Brenda Chinn volunteered to co-chair Yearbook. Janet Scheller (school secretary) will be assisting with yearbook.

Maker Space: Volunteers are needed to organize donations as they come in. Mrs. Hertz explained donations that often come in and it is a big job to keep the space organized and tidied up for students to use. New projects are put out quarterly for students to create. The first project will be complete before Halloween. There is a decent stock of donations right now because Makers Space has not been used for 2 years. Lauren Lawson, Ashley Spaulding, and Chelsey Gray volunteered to co-chair Maker Space.

Field Day: Janelle reported that a chair or two co-chairs are needed. The chair/s work with the PE teacher to determine equipment needs. Last year the PTO purchased the bounce house and Annie's ice cream for Field Day but the rest of the equipment was borrowed from the school. Emily Webb and Virginia Gentry volunteered to co-chair Field Day.

President's Report: Janelle reported that carabiners were ordered for student dog tags. Each student began the year with a starter dog tag and students can earn dog tags throughout the year for various activities, including AR. PTO provides dog tags to teachers to hand out. Mrs. Hertz will ask teachers if they have specific dog tag requests. Scholastic News has been ordered.

Treasurer's Report: Carrie explained each line item on the budget in these categories: income generators, curriculum expenses, recognition expenses, school improvement expenses, operation expenses. There were no questions or comments. Motion to approve budget by Gretchen Hertz, Virginia Gentry seconded. No one opposed the budget. The budget is approved.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Holly Brown, Lauren Lawson seconded.