



Big Woods PTO Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2024

Introductions [Welcome new and returning PTO members!](#)

Principal Report – Jesse - Emails were sent out to families to kick off the new school year. Teacher placements will be released on 8/21. Orientation will be scheduled through ParentVue. All teacher positions have been filled. Possibly one more para to come. There are currently 653 students. Changes to enrollment have been happening often lately. The school will be looking to PTO volunteers to assist with 1st and 2nd grade lunches - a sign up will be coming out.

Treasurer Report - Teresa

- Preliminary budget - need to vote to approve for this year - **Vote to approve the 2024-25 budget**, Trina motioned to approve, all approved.

General PTO housekeeping- Trina

- Member list info
- PTO calendar of events
- Committee sign up
- New member recruiting
 - If you know anyone that you think should consider joining PTO for this year, invite them to our next meeting or have them email bigwoodspto@gmail.com. We need people that want to be active and involved in the school. The best way to get new members is to ask them directly to join - sometimes you need to ask them more than once.

Board Report

Playdate at the Playground - should we do this again this year? If so, when? - **This was a great way for new and returning families to get together and meet new classmates and friends. Will look to set up a night at the playground for 8/28.**

Back to School Orientation – Trina

Sept 3rd: 10am-6pm

Sept 4th: 7:30am-3:30pm

- PTO table – will need PTO members staffing this table - **We'll need coverage both days to be there to answer questions and sign up new members and/or volunteers. With our fundraising efforts from Knight Armour and Partners in Education, it's very important that our presence is there to show our connection.**

- Knight Armour clothing table – we get a share of sales
- Big Woods backdrop for pictures
- Class of ___ selfie boards - can Tami do these or someone else? - Tami will work on providing current class signs to hang up.
- We will have an activity that the kids need to guess the count of something - it brings people to our table so we have a chance to encourage them to sign up to volunteer or sign up for PTO
- Thoughts on decorations and how to draw attention to our table? - Possible balloon arch or decor. Teresa will assist.
- We will have an area that parents and students can give suggestions on what to spend our fundraising money on

First Day School Supplies - Trina - We'll have 155 kits to distribute. They should be delivered next week. We will need to help distribute to the classrooms once they are in and classroom assignments have been provided. Email to come looking for a few volunteers.

Partners in Education - Trina - Partnerships are coming in. There are still some that we haven't heard back from.

2024-25 Fundraiser 10/2-10/11

- What are we raising money for this year? - Working with Boosterthon again. The fundraising team is meeting with Booster this week. More information to come. Possible ideas for fundraising is some sort of obstacle course or an end goal reward for a ninja course that all grades would get to participate in this year.

Family Art Night 10/11

- We need a project for this - Looking for thoughts or suggestions. We'll need a lead for this. This will come up quickly. Amber suggested a tissue paper/stained glass design to hang in the cafeteria windows.

Big Woods Garden – Christa - We have a timer for watering that Christa has been able to connect via her cell phone. Pumpkins are starting to flower. All is coming back nicely. Would like to upgrade the sign to something a little more durable, possibly a metal sign of some sort.

Fundraising nights -Trina - We are currently set with Culver's for March, April and May. Per their requirements, we will need volunteers to help run orders. Trina has been in talks with Papa Johns and Jersey Mikes and hoping to secure Sept, Nov, and Jan dates there.

2024-25 Meeting dates:

Aug 12, Sept 9, Oct 7, Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 10, Mar 3, Apr 14, May 12

Happy Birthday month to: Sarah

Open comments/suggestions/questions

Next meeting: Sept. 9th

Adjourn

Members present: Trina, Christine, Teresa, Anna, Rachel B, Hannah, Nicole, Linda, Jessica, Jenny T, Tara, Shannon, Tami, Christa, Amber, Alisa, Emily, Alyssa S, Jen B and Kristin.

This meeting will be held in the Big Woods Media Center.

PTO Meeting 8/12

Orientation 9/3 – 9/4

PTO Meeting 9/9

Custodial recognition day 10/2

*Fundraiser 10/2-10/11 with the
kickoff event on the first day and
the final event on the last day*

PTO Meeting 10/7

Family Activity/Art Night 10/11

Fall Conference Meals 10/24

Grandparents Week- TBD

Harvest Party TBD

World Kindness Day 11/13

PTO Meeting 11/18

Jersey Mike's Fundraising

11/23-11/24

Garage Sale TBD 12/6?

PTO Meeting 12/9

*Garage Sale Shopping Day TBD
12/13?*

PTO Meeting 1/6

National Popcorn Day 1/19

Talent Expo 1/30

Spring Conference Meals 1/30

Family Bingo Night 1/31

Jersey Mike's fundraising 2/8-2/9

PTO Meeting 2/10

PTO Meeting 3/3

Culvers Night 3/19

National Pencil Day 3/30

PTO Meeting 4/14

Culvers Night 4/16

Admin. Professionals Day 4/23

School Principal day 5/1

*Staff/Teacher appreciation week
5/5-5/9*

Culvers Night 5/7

PTO Meeting 5/12

Big Woods PTO Bash TBD