

**Wood Road PTA  
Business Meeting  
September 24, 2026 @7pm**

**Welcome & Old Business**

**Kasie Ritota, *President***

- The meeting began at 7:39 after Meet The Teacher night. Each member of the board introduced themselves to everyone and stated their positions. There was 16 people in attendance :
  - Britt Alfano, Danielle Danforth, Kasie Ritota, Kate Therrien, Emaly Dube, Shannon Reynolds-Huck, Anne Clothier, Jennifer Calhoun, Mike Calhoun, Megan Higgins, Heather Williams, Kylee Hubbard, Nadia Digges, Nicole Morroni, Eric Stoever, and Kristan Nannariello
  - Virtually we were joined by:
    - Danny Chen, Rebecca Parker, and Joannaliee Gilbert
- Kasie welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year and the May 2026 minutes were voted upon for acceptance; 20 members voted yes, 0 members voted no and 0 members voted to abstain
- Kasie and Kate explained about the new re-written Bi-laws brought into motion this year. We are adding new committees, a debit card for the PTA, and increasing the budget for various events. There was a vote to accept these new Bi-laws; 18 members voted yes for acceptance, 0 voted no and 0 voted to abstain from voting

**Treasurer's Report**

**Danielle Danforth, *Treasurer***

- Danielle reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the budget proposal for this upcoming year. Copies were on the tables for anyone interested in viewing them. The 2025-2026 audit was also discussed and available for anyone interested in viewing it. Danielle went over all the increased budgets and the reasoning behind the increase in funds.
- New this year will be Tshirts purchased by the PTA in various colors given to every child in school that correlates to their grade level. This shirt will be used for school field trips, school events, spirit week, and more! We reminded everyone if they could please return their child(s) forms for the shirts or their teachers will choose their sized shirt. Each grade level also has an increased budget of \$1,000 each.
- The Arts and Education budget was also increased for the Author Visit this year with the idea that every child will receive a book from the visiting author and additional books can be purchased online by parents.
- Dodgeball's budget was increased due to needing more fruit and the Coffee bar for the teachers was moved to its own budget line- separating it from the Staff Appreciation budget . This year there will also be 2 scholarships for graduating seniors instead of one. They are \$300 scholarships each. Scottie's Snack Closet budget was increased to \$1,000 as well as \$200 was added to the Talent Show due to hoping to purchase a re-usable banner.

**New Business**

**Kate Therrien, *Vice President***

- As of tonight we have 62 members ; 45 standard memberships and 17 teacher/staff members. Kate reminded everyone that if they are not already a member they can sign up tonight!
- The coin drive is in full kick off! The winning class will receive bragging rights and a plaque with their grade on it in the front window of the school!! Those who bring in money for their class will be able to come down and place it in their class buckets in the library.
- Something new we wanted to try this year is forming new committees such as; a Membership Committee, a Fundraising Committee, and a Special Education Committee . Kate discussed the roles of each and advocated that we welcome any other ideas for more committee options!

### **Principal's Report**

**Kelly Cataldo, *Principal***

- Kelly introduced herself and began her presentation on Wood Road Elementary being a Title 1 School. The definition of a Title 1 school is a public school that gets extra federal money because a large amount of its students come from low income families. Wood Road has a 40% ratio of low income families. This funding would help provide all of the children with opportunities and a fair and high quality education. Kelly's main focus was getting parents involved with their child(s)'s education, improving academic achievement, improving school performance, and family engagement. One of the ways to kickstart this was the new addition of Parent Square! Parent Square will drastically help with communication between families and teachers. Some of the programs that Wood Road uses to measure and report student progress are; Bookworms, Foundations, Heggerty, Mathematics, iready, Diebels, and Intervention Services (AIS). Kelly preached about getting involved in your child's education whether that be by joining the PTA, attending parent teacher conferences, and volunteering for field trips, etc.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Kasie Ritota, *President***

- We desperately need co-chairs and volunteers for events. Kasie went over all the upcoming events for the months of October through December and asked anyone interested in either option to email us or contact us directly after the meeting
- The PTA will also be using Parent Square to send out reminders for events as well as posting them on both Facebook & Instagram
- Boosterthon this year will take place in November and is partnering with Wolf Lodge! Each child who registers will receive a free day pass and when they earn their first donation they will get a set of Wolf ears! Kasie discussed how this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is always a fun start !!

### **Fundraisers**

**Kate Therrien, *Vice President***

- Dine to Donate will be October 12 from 5-9pm at Malta Chipotle. Box Tops is also a direct way to support the PTA

### **Questions**

**PTA Board**

- A question was asked if we could do a special event in April for autism awareness such as bubbles or something sensory friendly. We all agreed that would be a fantastic idea and Kate is going to look into dates/ spaces available!
- Another question was asked to Ms Cataldo what parents can do to directly help the school. Kelly explained that as of right now nothing immediately comes to mind due to the PTA being so involved. However, as a board we stressed the importance of Scottie's Snack Closet and how we have 20-25 more students this year than last who need snacks provided daily. Britt Alfano discussed how she has reached out to the local Hannaford to see if we could do a "Stuff The School Bus" event at their store. The PTA also has snacks directly on their Amazon Wishlist that goes straight to the Scottie's Snack Closet.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm and we reminded everyone that our next meeting will be October 1st at 7pm. The meeting will be both in person and hybrid on Google Meet**