

**Wood Road PTA
Business Meeting
October 1st , 2026 @7pm**

Welcome and Old Business

Kate Therrien, *Vice President*

- The meeting began at 7:03pm. There was 14 people in attendance:
 - Kate Therrien, Stefany Matamoros, Courtney Robinson, Heather Williams, Nyssa Martinez, Joseph Martinez, Casey Nichols, Kelly Cataldo, Kasie Ritota, and Britt Alfano
 - Virtually we were joined by Danielle Danforth, Nadia Digges, Caitlin Harrington, and Jonannalee Gilbert
- Kate welcomed everyone and we voted to accept the September 2026 minutes. There was 9 votes for yes, 0 for no, and 0 members abstained from voting

Treasurer's Report

Danielle Danforth, *Treasurer*

- Danielle joined us virtually due to a prior engagement . She gave a brief recap of last week's report and asked if anyone had any questions pertaining to the budget, which no one did.
- The next big event and expense will be Elf Lane on December 8th

New Business

Kate Therrien, *Vice President*

- We are up to 81 members !!
 - 60 Standard Members
 - 21 Teacher/ Staff Members
- The coin drive is in full swing! We are going to extend the event for another 1-2 weeks . Right now Fourth Grade is in the lead with \$165.59 !
- We have received a significant amount of shirt forms back from students / teachers and will be placing the order next week with Rob - the owner of Mr T's. This is a local business that we are happy to support!
- We have officially added snacks for Scottie's Snack Closet to our Amazon Wish List and will also be adding candy for the Trunk or Treat in case anyone would like to donate some directly to the PTA to be used at the event
- Britt Alfano discussed the Stuff The School Bus event with Hannafords. She is waiting to hear back from the manager. She stopped in to talk with them and the manager was on vacation. Other PTA members recommended reaching out to BJS or Costco due to the fact they are bulk buying stores . Britt will reach out and find out if either store is open to this event.

Upcoming Events

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- October 6th is School Picture Day
- October 12 - Dine to Donate at Malta Chipotle
 - Kate reminded everyone that you HAVE to show the flyer at the restaurant in order for the 25% to go towards Wood Road PTA. If anyone is placing an order online for pickup there is a special code they have to type in on the flyer

- October 19-23 - Fall Book Fair
 - Our goal for the book fair is that every child gets to go home with a book. Kasie explained a sign up list for volunteers will be launched soon. We will need people to work registers, help students shop, and more. She will also put together a list once each teacher has picked their time slot to help parents know when their student(s) are shopping. This will also all be put on Parent Square for families to view
- October 25th -Trunk or Treat
 - A trunk or treat sign up list will also be launched soon for those who want to volunteer their cars for the event. Kate reminded everyone that you decorate your own vehicle and provide the candy to hand out. Britt Alfano said she has reached out to both Target and Walmart to see if they could donate any candy. We also put candy on our Amazon Wishlist. If any is received it would be given to families who are participating in the event but unable to provide candy to hand out
 - We will be doing prizes again for the top 3 cars that the kids attending get to vote for !
- November 17th - Bingo Night
 - Will also be a snack drive for Scottie's Closet
- December 8th - Elf Lane
 - We will need volunteers!
 - Applications will go out at the end of October / early November

Principal's Report

Kelly Cataldo, *Principal*

- Kelly introduced Casey Nichols - her new administrative aid- and gave us her background
- New this year will be a Drama Club!! The advisor job is being actively sought out with Kelly launching applications to staff at Wood Road first and then will be opened to the public if none apply. The biggest hurdle will be funding since this is the first year of the club being launched. Funds go towards the logo for the play, rights to the play, scripts, costumes, props, and more. Ideally (based on other schools experiences) Kelly would like the PTA to help fund it and then ticket sales would re-emburse the PTA and anything additionally made would be kept by the Drama Club to start their funding. Kelly estimates it being around \$1,000. At this time she just wants it on the radar with a future budget vote upon it next month

Questions and Suggestions

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- There was a question regarding incorporating the SpEd children in events such as doing a sensory station during the event and designating a time either pre event or post event dedicated to a "Quiet Half Hour" for those who don't like crowds. We love this idea and will work directly with parents to figure out which would work better

Kate reminded everyone that the next meeting will be on November 5th at 7pm and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.