

HANCE PTO MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007

ATTENDEES

Dr. Pysch	Dr. Hawkins
Mr. Rossi	Nancy Sever
Emily Willard	Brenda Stasko
Sabrina George	Nancy Colamarino
Laurel Anderson	Regan Shebeck
Ann Allen	Jennifer Bissell
Nikki Woodrow	Nancy Buszinski
Helen McCarthy	Katie Kukieza
Gita Whitney	Jennifer Nicotra
Eileen Scarnecchia	Michelle Schonbachler

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. President's Report –Emily Willard
Emily welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Pysch, Dr. Hawkins and Mr. Rossi.
- B. Principal's Report – Dr. Pysch noted that the assembly scheduled has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at the district's expense. The PSSAs are scheduled for February for the 5th grade in writing, March for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades in reading and in April for 4th grade science. A phone chain will need to be put into place for a Weather Emergency Bulletin since Hance currently does not have one.
- C. Vice President's Report – Jennifer Bissell – She noted that the fingerprinting has been done and sent home. The CHIP program will be back next year which will include DNA samples and fingerprinting 1st, 2nd grade and new students.
- D. Secretary's Report – The November minutes were approved.
- E. Treasurer's Report – Brenda Stasko – See Report dated January 11, 2007.

II. SPEAKERS

- A. Dr. Richard Pysch, Hance Elementary Principal
- B. Dr. Yvonne Hawkins, Wexford Elementary Principal
- C. Mr. Guy Rossi, Richland Elementary Principal

Dr. Pysch thanked the principals for coming and noted that they were looking for parents' input as to what they would like the new K-3 building's vision to be. Dr. Hawkins noted that the strategic plan has been approved. The executive summary for the Strategic Plan was distributed for everyone to see. The Mission Statement was reviewed and the group discussed the belief statements. Everyone was broken into 3 groups to have discussions on what issues were important in designing the

new school. The principals will take the information received from the 3 schools and have a meeting on Tuesday. There will most likely be a task force derived to focus on the setup of the new school.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. School Board Appreciation – January 16th – PR blankets and books designed by the children
- B. Yearbooks – On sale next week (\$12.00)/Checks made out to Hance PTO
- C. Market Day – Pick-up January 25th, December profit \$419.38
- D. Leaders Club – 60 5th grade students who perform announcements, hall monitoring, tutoring and outreach
- E. After School Programs – February and March; after school for 1 hour; the programs are being selected
- F. One School/One Book Program – using grant money and money from the PTO; kick-off assembly February 8th; all staff and family count get book – Macaroni Boy. Promotes family reading – have projects and reading ideas for family to use book; March – writing workshops; end of March author assembly
- G. New Web Site – Rich Rosenbaum – informational note being sent home next week; you can view it at pinerichland.org and click on Hance
- H. Fantastic Fun Friday – Friday, February 2nd – Inside Out Day
- I. HPTO Parking Space winner is Adriana Alatorre
- J. New school board member is from Hance – Mr. Hinson
- K. Desserts compliments of Otis Cookie Sales tonight
- L. Next meeting is February 8th at 9:15 in the cafeteria. Guest speaker, Carin Liberti, Reading Specialist. She will share with us Hance’s numerous reading programs
- M. Jump for the Heart – February 23rd – Grades 1-5; each grade has 1 hour. There are 5 stations with jump rope activities. Donation envelopes will be ready next week; prizes for money raised; there will be a staff challenge – no one can jump more than Dr. Pysch. There will be raffle prizes. \$4400 last year raised, goal this year \$10,000.
- N. 5th Grade Fun Nights – snow tubing first week of February
- O. Hance Happenings – nikki.woodrow@yahoo.com
- P. Box Tops, Campbell Soup Labels and Shop-n-Save receipts – please save
- Q. Erica Davic – new 3rd grade teacher for Mrs. Burnsworth
- R. Open Board positions for HPTO

IV. UPCOMING DATES

- A. January 11th – End of 2nd nine weeks
- B. January 12 & 15th – No school, in-service days
- C. January 16th – Market Day Orders Due
- D. January 15th – Skating Party at Ice Connection 11 am – 1 pm
- E. January 16th – DIEBELS Assessment K-2
- F. January 22nd – Report Cards Issued
- G. February 2nd – FFF Inside Out Day

- H. February 2nd – Popcorn Dayz
- I. February 8th – PTO Meeting, Carin Liberti, reading programs available
- J. February 12th – PSSA Writing Assessment 5th grade
- K. February 14th – Class parties (2 pm) for Valentine’s Day
- L. February 22nd – Market Day pick-up 4:45-5:45 in cafeteria
- M. February 23rd – Jump Rope for Heart (more info to be sent home)
- N. February 26th – Harry Daniels’ Day (celebrating 30 years in PR)