

HANCE PTO MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008

ATTENDEES

Sharon Marfisi	Emily Willard
Nancy Buszinski	Nikki Woodrow
Kathy Bauer	Nancy Colamarino

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. President's Report –Emily Willard
- B. Principal's Report - DIBELS next week (Jan 7-11); End of 9-weeks is the 17th and reports cards will be sent home on the 25th. They will be hand-written again as there were too many problems with the program that prints the report cards; In-service day Jan 18 & 21 NO SCHOOL; K-3 planning is underway. There was a meeting regarding the bus routes and times, but nothing has been finalized. Hoping to be on this month's school board meeting agenda and voted on in February; Regarding staffing and who is staying at Hance and who is moving the UES, Dr. Bucci will let us know. It needs to get on the Student Services committee agenda and then on to the school board. Should know and be posted some time in February; Looks 99.9% that we will have a full-time nurse and counselor at Hance. Other schools may share a nurse/counselor. We will have 5 1st grade sections, 5 2nd grade sections, 6 3rd grade sections, and Kindergarten is undetermined at this time. Hance will have an in-house reading specialist, but we will share other specials with the other schools. There will also be a travel group consisting of art, library, and music; PR school board approved a \$0 increase in the budget; The school day will increase by 15 minutes next year. There was some discussion of whether the teachers were to be in the classrooms earlier to meet the students. Rumors of collecting the students in the cafeteria and then releasing them to the classrooms are false. The teachers' hours will increase to 7 hours and 45 minutes per day, and they will be in the classroom to meet the students; UES schedule is yet to be decided. It looks like they will start before us and primary will begin 15-20 after the UES. There may be some combined bussing of Hance, Richland, and UES students. Wexford will have their own busses as they are farther away than the other schools; Jump Rope for Heart questions arose. Dr. Pysch said it will be a little different than last year. It will be on Feb 22 with a re-scheduled day of 3/14. We will also have a pre-assembly to the day; Next year looks like 375 to 425 students with 2 new very special needs students; Due to space, the PTO should have the old communication room back (currently Mrs. Liberati's room). We will start the year with 4 empty rooms.
- C. Vice President's Report
- D. Secretary's Report
- E. Treasurer's Report

II. SPEAKERS

III. COMMITTEES

- A. Friday Flash – talked about placing a proposed link on the Flash to a calendar to print off and place on the refrigerator with all the same information as the Important Dates information currently on the Flash. Everyone decided it was not necessary.
- B. Fantastic Fun Friday – Friday, January 4 is Black and Gold Spirit Day. Students/staff to wear black and gold to support Pittsburgh sports teams. February's FFF is yet to be determined.
- C. KidStuff Book fundraiser – as of 1/3/08, 164 books have been sold. We have a \$2100 profit. Some books are still not returned/paid for, and a reminder notice was going home on Friday.
- D. Hance Store – going fine. Open every Tues/Thurs from Oct-May. Kathy Bauer wanted to know when the Hance Store was going to come to Kindergarten for the fundraiser prize. Mrs. Seibert's PM class won and was given \$1 coupons to use. Still waiting for the store to come. Also talked about whether it was worth keeping the Hance Store open next year as a K-3 school. Discussion arose both for and against. Board will continue to look into it and discuss with the K-3 committee at the next meeting.
- E. Yearbooks – 360 books sold so far. Need to sell 500, but are confident that we will reach that by end of year. Books are still on sale and the order forms are on the Flash.
- F. Book Fair – will run March 25-April 1.
- G. Popcorn Dayz – tomorrow, January 4. \$.25/bag. Dr. Pysch will make announcement to students to keep the popcorn in the cafeteria as Harry was asking for this. It gets really messy in the classrooms for the janitorial staff to clean up.
- H. Outreach – nothing to report
- I. Fun Fair – March 1. Mary Beth working on things. The book fair will end on the day of Fun Fair.
- J. Skating Party – Peg Kozej is chair. January 21 from 11-1 at Ice Connection. Still waiting on confirmation of pricing to place in the Friday Flash.
- K. Jump Rope for Heart – Feb 22 with a snow day of March 14. Adrianna is looking for a heart survivor to speak at the pre-assembly. An article will be placed in Friday's Flash with her email link.
- L. Teachers of Excellence Award – many Hance teachers have been nominated so far. Deadline was December 31. Wexford had the most teachers nominated.
- M. School Board Appreciation Night – January 15 at 6:45 pm prior to the meeting. We will be giving each school board member a PR duffel bag and frame from the PTO.
- N. K-3 planning – next meeting is Wednesday, Jan 30 at 7 pm in the Hance library. A review and revision of by-laws and committees will be discussed and hopefully finalized.
- O. Open Board positions – nominations is March, voting in April, and new board will take over in May. Still looking for 2 Presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer.

IV. DISCUSSION/VOTING

V. UPCOMING DATES

Jan 4	FFF
Jan 4	Popcorn Dayz
Jan 7-11	DIBELS testing (K-2)
Jan 17	Last day of 2 nd nine weeks
Jan 18	No School
Jan 21	No School
Jan 21	Ice Skating Party at Ice Connection from 11-1 – parents must attend
Jan 24	Market Day pick up in cafeteria
Jan 25	Report Cards issued
Jan 25	5 th grade t-shirt forms due
Jan 28	Talent Show auditions for grade 4
Jan 30	Talent Show auditions for grade 5
Feb 7	HPTO meeting with Mr. Cooper
Feb 14	Valentine's Day parties (2-2:50)
Feb 22	Jump Rope for Heart (more info to come home)