

HANCE PTO MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

ATTENDEES

Dr. Pysch	Carin Liberati
Sara Hughes	Emily Willard
Sharon Marfisi	Brenda Stasko
Jennifer Bissell	Katie Kukieza
Laurel Anderson	Wendy McCarthy
Candy Tierno	Nikki Woodrow
Cindy Walpole	Adriana Alatorre
Kitt Starr	

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. President's Report –Emily Willard - Emily welcomed everyone and introduced Carin Liberati and Sara Hughes.
- B. Principal's Report – Dr. Pysch noted that make-up days have not been scheduled to replace the cancellations this week. The 5th grade graduation is scheduled for May 31st from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. This is the first year this is being done.
- C. Vice President's Report
- D. Secretary's Report – The January minutes were approved.
- E. Treasurer's Report – Brenda Stasko – See Report dated February 8, 2007.

II. SPEAKERS

- A. Carin Liberati – She explained the Learning to Read program for Kindergarten and 1st grade and the Be Excellent at Reading program (BEAR Club). Hance is a Title I building that receives government money for its reading program. The state wants to have baseline data and wants to see growth. Two items that aid in this data are the DIEBELS testing and the Development Reading Assessment (DRA).
- B. Sara Hughes – She noted that she handles the Learning to Read program for 2nd and 3rd grades. They are tested for fluency and comprehension. She noted that Barb Cornibe handles 4th and 5th grade. She goes into the classroom to help students. She works with the teacher and they test students that were in reading support in third grade.

III. CHAIR REPORTS

- A. Fundraising – The forms are due February 22nd.
- B. Yearbooks – Sale was extended until next Friday. Extra copies will not be ordered this year. Deadline for submitting pictures is March 9th. She noted that they are in need of holiday party pictures. The 5th grade memory pictures are due in 1 week.
- C. Market Day – Pick-up February 22nd at 4:45 – 5:45 in cafeteria.

- D. Leaders Club – This is going very well. The children have begun doing announcements.
- E. After School Programs – Programs will be offered for 6 weeks starting February 27th. There are five classes offered. Art Drawing and Art Painting for grades 3-5, Art Drawing and Painting for grades 1-2, Dollars and Sense by Junior Achievement for grades 3-5 and Carnegie Science Center’s Focus on Chemistry for grades 3-5. Registration forms will go out this Friday in the Friday folders and will be due by February 28th.
- F. Author’s Month – 1 School 1 Book. Family book, Macaroni Boy, was given to each family. The book takes place in the Strip District and is about bullying. Would like to have families read the book together. School will be focusing on positive reinforcement when a child is seen being kind. A paper cut-out person will be given to each child that is seen being kind and these will be posted on the hallway walls. There will be 2 evening writers’ workshops.
- G. Pizza Bingo Night – March 23rd. Presale tickets will be \$5 for 2 pieces of pizza, during and bingo. There will be \$5 gift card prizes. Each person can only win once. The committee is in need of \$5 gift cards from businesses. If anyone knows of anyplace that could donate, contact Mary Beth Marchionda. There will also be a bake sale to help families in the school with cancer. Donations are needed.
- H. Book Fair – 3/19 – 3/23 It will be open on Bingo night, during dinner and after bingo.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- A. Vote on \$200 donation to Mileage Club – This year for 4th and 5th. Next year for 3rd, 4th and 5th. It was voted to give \$200 to the walking program.
- B. Vote on \$125 purchase of bingo items – It was voted on to purchase bingo set for the school.
- C. UES/K-3 Committee – The committee is currently forming the Board and nominations are being taken right now.
- D. School Board – The school board passed along their appreciation for the gifts.
- E. 5th Grade Events – Sled riding at Wildwood Highlands. About 15 children participated.
- F. Jump Rope for Heart – Envelopes are due by 2/16. Event to take place 2/23. Lunch will be served for the volunteers. There will be a prize for the class that raises the most money.

V. UPCOMING DATES

- A. Feb 8 – Macaroni Boy kick-off assembly
- B. Feb 12 - PSSA Writing Assessment 5th grade
- C. Feb 14 – Class parties (2 pm) for Valentine’s Day
- D. Feb 15 – Hance Happenings Deadline (note date change)
- E. Feb 22 – Market Day pick-up 4:45 – 5:45 in cafeteria
- F. Feb 23 – Jump Rope for Heart (more info to come home)
- G. Feb 26 – Harry Day (30 years with the district)
- H. Mar 2 – Fantastic Fun Friday

- I. Mar 2 – Popcorn Dayz
- J. Mar 6 – Writers Workshop at Hance (more info coming)
- K. Mar 8 – PTO Meeting 7 pm in the Library
- L. Mar 19-23 – Book Fair
- M. Mar 23 – Pizza/Bingo Night